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GUIDE TO A  
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THE AGES**

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by Britain's  
outpouring  
of grief as  
the world  
prepares  
to join...**

**OUR LAST  
FAREWELL**







by REBECCA  
ENGLISH

ROYAL EDITOR

THE King thanked the public last night for their 'comfort and support' as he and his family prepared to say their 'last farewell' to Queen Elizabeth II today.

His heartfelt message came as Buckingham Palace released an unseen picture of the late monarch, taken in May at Windsor Castle as part of a series of portraits to mark her historic Platinum Jubilee.

The smiling 96-year-old sovereign is pictured sporting an exquisite pair of diamond and aquamarine Cartier clips that were an 18th-birthday present from her parents, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

In his message to the nation, King Charles expressed his sincere thanks for so many kind words and gestures since his mother passed away on Thursday, September 8.

He said: 'Over the last ten days, my wife and I have been so deeply touched by the many messages of condolence and support we have received from this country and across the world.'

'In London, Edinburgh, Hillsborough and Cardiff we were moved beyond measure by everyone who took the trouble to come and pay their respects to the lifelong service of my dear mother.'

'As we all prepare to say our last farewell, I wanted simply to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those countless people who have been such a support and comfort to my family and myself in this time of grief.' It came as:

■ Hundreds of heads of state, royals and dignitaries flew in to pay their respects at today's State Funeral in an unprecedented display of pomp and majesty, the likes of which are unlikely to be seen again;

■ The Palace revealed that two of the Queen's great-grandchildren – Prince George, nine, and Princess Charlotte, seven – will walk behind her coffin at Westminster Abbey

with their parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales;

■ The Duchess of Sussex will join senior royals to follow the coffin as it processes through the Abbey;

■ The new Queen Consort made a moving tribute to her late mother-in-law, highlighting the 'difficult' job she had as a 'solitary' woman leader and revealing the Queen's 'brilliant' sense of humour;

■ The Duke of York issued his own tribute to his 'Dear Mummy, Mother, Your Majesty', praising her 'love, compassion and care';

■ Mourners scrambled to be among the last to see the Queen's coffin last night as the public farewell to Her Majesty comes to an end at 6.30am today;

■ Hardy royal fans defied no-camping rules ahead of today's funeral procession from Westminster Hall to Westminster Abbey and then on to Windsor, as people of all ages set up tents and deckchairs to grab premium seats for the spectacle;

■ Around 200 'everyday heroes',

including a lifeboat volunteer who helped save a dozen lives, an anti-knife campaigner and a lawyer who delivered 1,200 free meals in the pandemic, will be among the mourners at today's funeral;

■ The Order of Service for both the

*'My wife and I have been deeply touched'*

State Funeral and then the Queen's more intimate committal at St George's Chapel, Windsor, were released, revealing a mix of tradition – from the five Sentences, lines of scripture set to music that have been used at every state funeral since the 18th century, to the deeply personal: one of the hymns

sung at the Queen's wedding to Prince Philip in 1947.

More than a million people are expected to descend on the capital today for their chance to be part of history.

Billions are also due to tune in from all over the world, with major networks running rolling live coverage on their main channels all day – as well as on their digital and radio platforms.

About 10,000 military personnel will be involved in the funeral, while hundreds of heads of state and dignitaries will have front-row seats of the spectacle.

Ahead of the service, the tenor bell will be tolled every minute for 96 minutes, reflecting the years of Queen Elizabeth's incredible life.

At 10.44am sharp, the late monarch's coffin will be moved the short distance to Westminster Abbey in time for the funeral service to start at 11am sharp.

The Queen's most senior guardsmen, the Grenadier Guards, will

form the bearer party carrying the coffin from the catafalque at Westminster Hall through the North Door to the waiting 123-year-old state gun carriage, which will be drawn by 142 Royal Naval ratings along the route to the Abbey.

Led by 200 musicians, the procession will go through Parliament Square, where it will be saluted by a guard of honour.

From here, the King, his siblings and children, as well as loyal members of Her Majesty's household, will march behind the coffin.

Princess Charlotte and Prince George will be driven to the Abbey with the Princess of Wales and the Queen Consort, to join the family party outside.

Inside, the gothic splendour of the cathedral will be packed with more than 2,000 VIPs, including world leaders and foreign royals. Among them will be 'everyday people' who have served the country, including NHS heroes who worked tirelessly through the pandemic and Armed Forces veterans.

The hour-long service will conclude with the Last Post, followed by a two-minute silence observed across the nation and the national anthem – in which Abbey mourners will hail our new King.

A haunting lament played by the Queen's Piper, 'Sleep, Dearie, Sleep', has been included at her personal request. Afterwards the coffin will embark on the last stage of its journey, travelling 25 miles to her beloved Windsor, where she will finally be laid to rest.

The committal service will be smaller and far more personal, with the Instruments of State – the Imperial Crown, Orb and Sceptre – removed from the Queen's coffin and placed on high altar, symbolically ending the Elizabethan reign.

The Lord Chamberlain, who is the most senior official of the Royal Household, will then symbolically 'break' his wand of office and place it on the coffin to signify him officially losing office.

The Queen's coffin will be lowered into the Royal Vault, ready to be privately reunited later this evening with her beloved Philip, her parents and her sister in their family chapel.

'Us four' – as King George VI famously referred to his family – will become 'us five' in the afterlife.

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# My heartfelt thanks for all your comfort and support, by King Charles

## George and Charlotte to walk behind coffin

By Royal Editor

PRINCE George and Princess Charlotte will make a surprise appearance at their great-grandmother's funeral today, walking behind her coffin into Westminster Abbey.

The Daily Mail understands that the Prince and Princess of Wales thought 'long and hard' about whether their two eldest children, aged nine and seven, should join them.

But after George and Charlotte attended their great-grandfather's memorial in March, William and Kate decided they could cope with the solemnity of the occasion. Louis, the couple's youngest, is just four and will not be joining.

'As parents they have, of course, thought long and hard about whether their children should accompany them,' a source said. 'Of course little Louis is too young, but they think George and Charlotte are up to it.'

It is understood the children will also be in the congregation for the committal service at St George's Chapel at Windsor this afternoon. A decision is to be taken about whether they feel up to taking part in the procession there, too.

George and Charlotte will travel by car to the Abbey with Kate and Camilla, before joining the foot procession as it enters.

Before today's state funeral service at 11am, a bell will toll 96 times, reflecting the



Attending the funeral: The Queen's great-grandchildren George and Charlotte

years of Queen Elizabeth's life. The service will, Buckingham Palace said last night, pay tribute to the Queen's remarkable reign and lifetime of service as head of state, nation and Commonwealth.

It will be conducted by The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle, Dean of Westminster, with hymns including The Lord's My Shepherd

and Love Divine. Lessons feature 1 Corinthians 15 20-26, 53-end and John 14 1-9a, with all aspects personally chosen by the Queen.

A specially commissioned choral piece, Like As The Hart, composed by the Master of The King's Music, Judith Weir, will be sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey. The choir will also sing a short anthem, O

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Taste And See, which was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams for the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a reading, while Prime Minister Liz Truss will read the second lesson, with prayers from leading clerics including the Bishop of London and Archbishop of York.

Tears are sure to flow at The Last Post and Reveille, as well as the first major public rendition of the National Anthem.

A rendition of Sleep, Dearie, Sleep played by the Queen's piper will have huge significance to her family.

After the service, the bells of Westminster Abbey will be rung, fully muffled, as is the tradition following the sovereign's funeral. The coffin will then continue its last journey through London and out to Windsor. The committal service at St George's Chapel at 4pm will be smaller and far more personal.

And with no cameras present, the Royal Family will gather for a private interment at 7.30pm.



# RADIANT: NEWLY RELEASED PICTURE TAKEN AT WINDSOR IN MAY



Buckingham Palace last night released this unseen picture of the Queen, taken before the Platinum Jubilee. She wears her favourite three-strand pearl necklace, pearl earrings and her aquamarine and diamond clip brooches, above, an 18th birthday present from her father George VI in 1944. The two art deco-style pieces were made by Boucheron



Picture: JAMIE WISEMAN

# Presidents, prime ministers, princes and princesses join the... RECEPTION OF THE CENTURY

KING Charles welcomed world leaders and royalty last night as Buckingham Palace hosted the reception of the century in memory of the Queen.

US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden, France's president Emmanuel Macron and first lady Brigitte Macron, and New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern were among the hundreds of guests invited to the palace ahead of the Queen's funeral today.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and other working members of the Royal Family – including the Earl and Countess of Wessex, the Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester – joined Charles and the Queen Consort at the reception.

But there was no invitation for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, who allegedly found out they were 'uninvited' to the event by reading press reports. It was reportedly decided that only working members of the Royal Family should attend.

It is believed the Duke of York was also not present.

Guests – many of whom travelled to the palace in coaches from Royal Chelsea Hospital, which became a drop-off point for the dignitaries – were asked to wear lounge suits and morning dress.

Leaders from across the globe descended on the capital over the weekend. The US President was among the first to jet in, landing at Stansted Airport just before 10pm on

By **Ryan Hooper**

Saturday. His motorcade and police entourage was later spotted travelling through Tottenham in north London.

Yesterday, an hour before the reception, Mr and Mrs Biden visited the Queen's lying-in-state at Westminster Hall.

He then signed the book of condolence at Lancaster House, where he claimed the Queen reminded him of his mother and added: 'You were fortunate to have had her for 70 years, we all were. The world

*'You were fortunate to have had her'*

is better for her.' Many world leaders were given a VIP time slot to observe the lying-in-state, meaning they avoided the long queue.

Mr Macron and his first lady strolled through central London, flanked by aides and security guards, before attending Westminster Hall – where they arrived wearing trainers – and then the palace.

Ukrainian first lady Olena Zelenska also paid her respects at Westminster Hall, with her husband Volodymyr Zelensky expected to attend the funeral. She was also hosted at the palace yesterday afternoon by Kate, the Princess of Wales.

In a nod to her homeland, Mrs Zelenska arrived at Buckingham Palace reception last



American arrival: Joe Biden and wife Jill at Buckingham Palace



Hand on heart: The couple pay respects at the Queen's lying-in-state



4.15PM





Drop-off point:  
Buses take  
guests from  
Royal Chelsea  
Hospital



6.10PM

Comfort first: France's  
Emmanuel Macron  
and wife Brigitte  
change from  
trainers into  
formalwear

night wearing a gold pin inspired by a rushnyk – fabric embroidered with Ukrainian symbols. Prime Minister Liz Truss held talks with world leaders yesterday before a private audience with the King ahead of the reception.

UAE's Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, a controversial figure, also attended the event. He was found to have 'ordered' the kidnapping of his daughter Princess Latifa in 2018 by a UK High Court. Other guests included King Abdullah II of Jordan and Queen Rania.



Controversy: Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum and minister Reem al-Hashimi



Red carpet: King Abdullah II and Queen Rania



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# Kate's solemn moment with Ukraine's



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**Stateswomen:** The Princess of Wales hosts Olena Zelenska, the wife of president Volodymyr Zelensky, at Buckingham Palace yesterday



**Moving minute's  
silence ... but Big  
Ben didn't bong**



**Time to reflect:** At 8pm last night firefighters in London's Notting Hill mark a national minute's silence as the PM and her husband Hugh O'Leary pause at No 10. But Big Ben did not sound due to a technical issue. A Parliament spokesman said it had been resolved in time for today's funeral



# First Lady... as the King greets his PM



Royal reception: King Charles welcomes Liz Truss with open arms as the two hold a private audience

By **Kumail Jaffer**  
Political Reporter

## Diplomatic headache seating Iran, Israel and the two Koreas

SEATING more than 500 foreign dignitaries at today's funeral without causing a diplomatic row could be one of the biggest challenges for government officials.

With many world leaders invited to Westminster Abbey, the seating plan – which could only start being drafted on Thursday when RSVPs closed – could be crucial to avoid inflaming existing tensions

between certain nations. Careful thought will have gone into the placement of South Korean president Yoon Suk-yeol and the North Korean ambassador.

Also attending will be the Iranian ambassador and Isaac Herzog, the president of Israel.

Mr Herzog recently suggested that Iran is behind global 'dark forces of hate'.

Another flash point for planners could be Pakistan and India's decades-long rivalry.

Pakistan's prime minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

and India's president Droupadi Murmu are due to attend.

Tensions also exist between Greece and Turkey over recent clashes in the Aegean Sea.

And Saudi Arabia and Qatar are locked in a battle for influence in the Middle East.



*'This should have been thought through better'*



# I will treasure my Mummy's love for ever, says Andrew

By **Jim Norton**

HIS mother's care, compassion and confidence in him will be blessings he 'treasures for ever', the Duke of York said in a heartfelt tribute to the Queen.

Addressing her as 'Mummy', Prince Andrew said he would miss her 'insights, advice, and humour' as well as her infinite knowledge and wisdom.

The statement comes just days after he was allowed to wear military dress in order to hold a moving vigil at her coffin alongside his siblings in Westminster Hall.

The late monarch's second son – who was forced to step down from royal duties over his connections to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein – has often been talked about as her favourite.

His statement was released alongside a black-and-white photo of the Queen cradling him as a newborn in March 1960, gently resting her cheek on his head.

It read: 'Dear Mummy, Mother, Your Majesty, three in one. Your Majesty,

*'I will miss your insights, advice and humour'*

it has been an honour and privilege to serve you.

'Mother – of the nation, your devotion and personal service to our nation is unique and singular; your people show their love and respect in so many different ways and I know you are looking on, honouring their respect.

'Mummy, your love for a son, your compassion, your care, your confidence I will treasure for ever.

'I have found your knowledge and wisdom infinite, with no boundary or containment.

'I will miss your insights, advice and humour. As our book of experiences closes, another opens, and I will forever hold you close to my heart with my deepest love and gratitude, and I will tread gladly into the next with you as my guide.

'God save the King.'

Prince Andrew was stripped of his military links and royal patronages by the Queen in January ahead of a US lawsuit in which he was accused of sex abuse. It was settled out of court the following month. He strongly denies any allegation of wrongdoing.

But the duke continued to remain close to his beloved mother's side, including escorting her into Westminster Abbey for a memorial service in



**Poignant: Duke issued this photo of himself as a baby with Queen**

tribute to her late husband Prince Philip in March.

At various memorial events since the Queen's death on September 8, the duke has worn civilian clothes.

But on Friday evening, the Falklands War veteran was allowed to attend a vigil in his military uniform alongside his siblings the King, Princess Anne and Prince Edward.

It is thought that the new monarch lifted the ban on Andrew's dress as a 'mark of respect for his mother'.

The duke's tribute comes just days after his daughters Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie released an emotional statement thanking their 'Grannie' for her service.

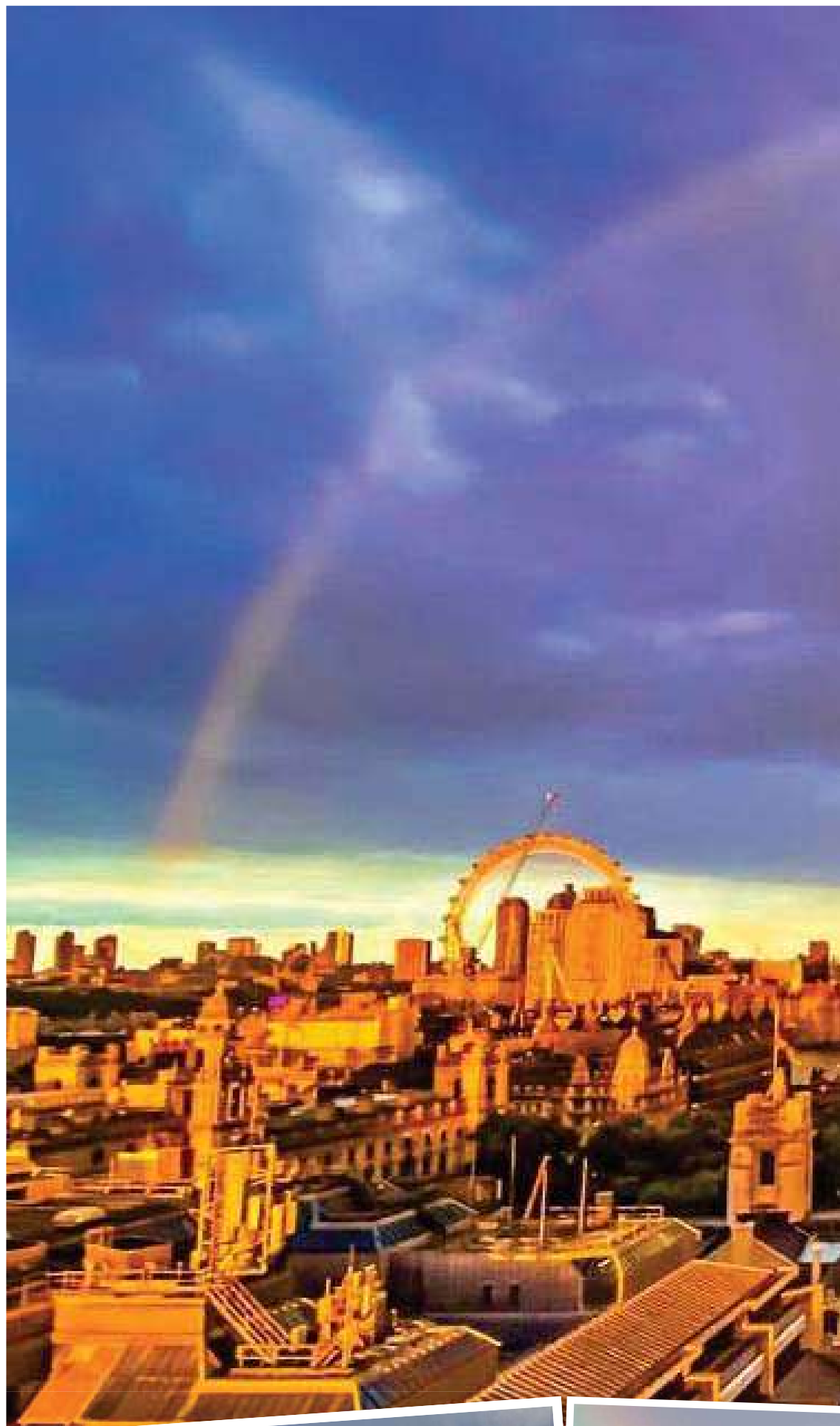
It read: 'We, like many, thought you'd be here for ever. And we all miss you terribly.

'You were our matriarch, our guide, our loving hand on our backs leading us through this world. You taught us so much and we will cherish those lessons and memories for ever.

'For now dear Grannie, all we want to say is thank you.

'Thank you for making us laugh, for including us, for picking heather and raspberries, for marching soldiers, for our teas, for comfort, for joy.

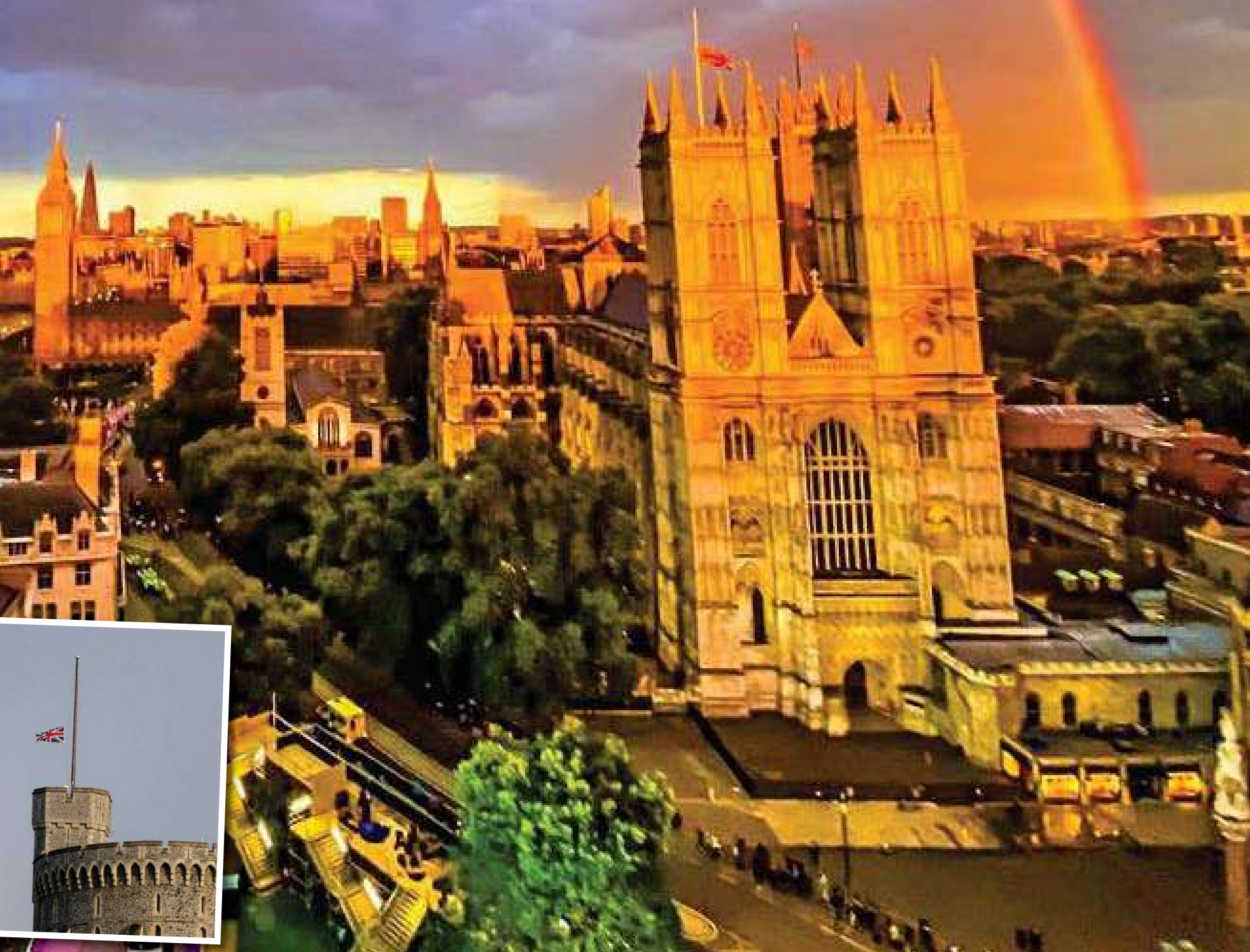
You, being you, will never know the impact you have had on our family and so many people around the world.'



**Nature's own memorial: A rainbow appears yesterday over Westminster Abbey**



# Splendour in the sky ... on funeral's eve, a rainbow over the Abbey



Picture: ALEX DOHERTY

and Parliament, echoing the uplifting spectacles seen at Buckingham Palace – a double rainbow – and Windsor on the day of the Queen's death



# Harry 'left devastated by vigil uniform snub'

Queen's initials were removed from his ceremonial military outfit



by REBECCA  
ENGLISH

ROYAL EDITOR

AN EXTRAORDINARY row over the decision to remove the Queen's initials from the shoulder of Prince Harry's military uniform has laid bare the depth of his rift with the Royal Family.

The prince was said to have been left 'devastated' after receiving his ceremonial dress of the Blues and Royals from Buckingham Palace without the distinctive EIIR cipher on the shoulder.

He wore the uniform to Saturday night's vigil over the Queen's coffin alongside the monarch's seven other grandchildren.

Such was his despair, Harry is even said to have considered wearing a morning suit as they were leaving in order to avoid the 'embarrassment'.

A friend told The Sunday Times: 'He is heartbroken. To remove his grandmother's initials feels very intentional.'

Others have suggested the move was 'petty and personal'.

William and Harry, both dressed in military uniform, stood at either end of the coffin on Saturday night.

They were joined by cousins Zara Tindall and Peter Phillips, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, and Lady Louise Windsor and her brother Viscount Severn. Harry, who saw action on the front line during two tours of duty in Afghanistan, had previously been told he would have to wear a morning suit as he is no longer a working royal and has been stripped of any honorary military appointments.

However, his father, King Charles, granted permission for his son to wear his old uniform at the vigil inside the Palace of Westminster as a show of respect and unity to the late Queen.

While Buckingham Palace has declined to comment, the Daily Mail understands no personal slight was intended.

The cipher was removed simply because Harry is no longer an aide-de-camp (ADC) to the Queen after

Distinctive: William's jacket bears the EIIR cipher on Saturday but it is missing from Harry's shoulder



quitting royal duties and handing back his military appointments.

A Personal Aide-de-Camp is an appointment bestowed only on members of the Royal Family holding military rank, including the Prince of Wales.

Nowadays, it is an honorary role with few duties or responsibilities, although historically it would have signified close proximity to the monarch. Harry was awarded the honour in 2018 and it was seen as a sign of his growing responsibility within the monarchy.

But following his acrimonious decision in 2020 to quit as a working royal and seek his fortune in the US, the Queen insisted he withdraw from all responsibilities and appointments. It means he is simply no longer entitled to

wear the insignia of an ADC on his uniform.

Much has been made of the fact that the shamed Duke of York was seen in his ADC insignia at Friday night's vigil by the Queen's chil-

**'Shamed Duke of York wore the insignia'**

dren. Andrew was permitted to wear it because, unlike Harry, he did not give the honour back when he relinquished his military asso-

ciations in January. A spokesman said it was a personal appointment by the Queen.

Questions will undoubtedly be raised, however, as to why Harry was forced to hand the honour back, when his uncle was not.

A source told the Mail yesterday: 'The Duke of Sussex may be upset but everyone is simply following rules laid down by the military. What has happened shows how delicate the situation is with anything to do with the Sussexes.'

'Even a simple procedural matter can suddenly become a personal slight. It doesn't bode well for the future.'

A defence source stressed: 'Retired service personnel and veterans are not entitled or allowed to wear uniform unless they are in an

honorary appointment where uniform has been authorised to be worn for the duration of the appointment. Under the current circumstances there may be various exceptions or special cases, all of which would be for the Palace to decide.'

On Saturday, Prince William was wearing the Blues and Royals, No.1 Uniform, the Garter Sash, the Garter Star, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee medals and RAF Pilot Wings.

Harry was wearing the Blues and Royals, No.1 Uniform, KCVO Neck Order and Star, Afghanistan Operational Service Medal, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee medals and Army Pilot Wings.

Harry will, however, wear civilian dress for today's funeral.

## Palace hits back in row over 'last-to-know' prince

PALACE aides reacted angrily to claims last night that Prince Harry had been given just five minutes' notice of his grandmother's death before it was made public.

A newspaper report said the devastated royal had been the last to know about her passing - and was even told after Prime

Minister Liz Truss. The Daily Telegraph suggested this was a further example of the rift between the prince and his family.

But there was clear irritation at Buckingham Palace that such claims had emerged on the eve of the Queen's funeral, which was considered hugely disrespectful. In a

rare statement on such a private matter, a spokesman for the King stressed: 'The public was only informed after every family member had been informed.'

The Mail understands that while it is true that Harry was told shortly before the news became public, the reason for this

was because he was on a flight to Scotland and therefore not contactable.

Last night, the original story had been taken down from The Telegraph website. An amended one was then published claiming that Harry was not treated differently to other family members.



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Grieving:  
William leads  
the Queen's  
grandchildren  
at the vigil





# SOLEMN SPECTACLE: YOUR GUIDE TO HOW THE

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## PROCESSION TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**10.35am** A bearer party formed of soldiers from The Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, lifts the coffin from the catafalque in Westminster Hall and carries it to the North Door. Waiting outside is the State Gun Carriage of the Royal Navy.

■ The State Gun Carriage is a field gun carriage that has been in the care of the Royal Navy since 1901, when it was removed from active service for the funeral of Queen Victoria – and since then it has been used for the funerals of King Edward VII in 1910, King George V in 1936, King George VI in 1952, Sir Winston Churchill in 1965, and Lord Mountbatten in 1979.



**10.44am** Gun carriage sets off, drawn in spectacular style by 142 Royal Naval ratings.

■ Route from New Palace Yard to Westminster Abbey will be lined by the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

■ The procession is led by the massed pipes and drums of Scottish and Irish Regiments, the Brigade of Gurkhas and the Royal Air Force – numbering 200 musicians, followed by Pursuivants, Heralds and Kings of Arms, pictured.

■ The gun carriage itself comes next, flanked by the bearer party comprising pall bearers from service equeiries to the Queen, and detachments of The King's Body Guards of The Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, The Yeomen of the Guard and the Royal Company of Archers.

■ Immediately behind the Queen's coffin walk the royal mourners.

**10.52am** ■ The Procession arrives at the West Gate of Westminster Abbey.

■ The bearer party lifts the coffin from the State Gun Carriage and carries it into the Abbey for the State Funeral Service.

Elizabeth Tower  
Big Ben

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

WESTMINSTER HALL

Today 6.30am:  
Westminster Hall  
closes to the public

New Palace  
Yard

Route to  
Westminster  
Abbey

Route to  
Wellington  
Arch

Parliament  
Square

Broad  
Sanctuary

■ On Parliament Square, coffin is saluted by a tri-service guard of honour. The Royal Navy, Nijmegen Company Grenadier Guards and The King's Colour Squadron of the Royal Air Force – each consisting of three officers and 53 rank-and-file, and with their colours draped – conduct the honour facing the gates of New Palace Yard. A Royal Marines band accompanies the guard of honour.



## TELEVISION COVERAGE

**BBC one** 8am to 5pm

Hosted by Huw Edwards, Fergal Keane, Kirsty Young and David Dimbleby among 29 presenters



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Hosted by Tom Bradby, Julie Etchingam and Mary Nightingale among 7 presenters. ITV will not show ads

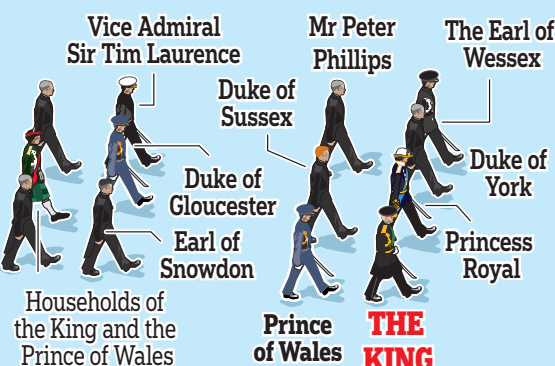


**sky** 7am to 10pm

Hosted by Kay Burley, Anna Botting and Dermot Murnaghan



## GUN CARRIAGE PROCESSION



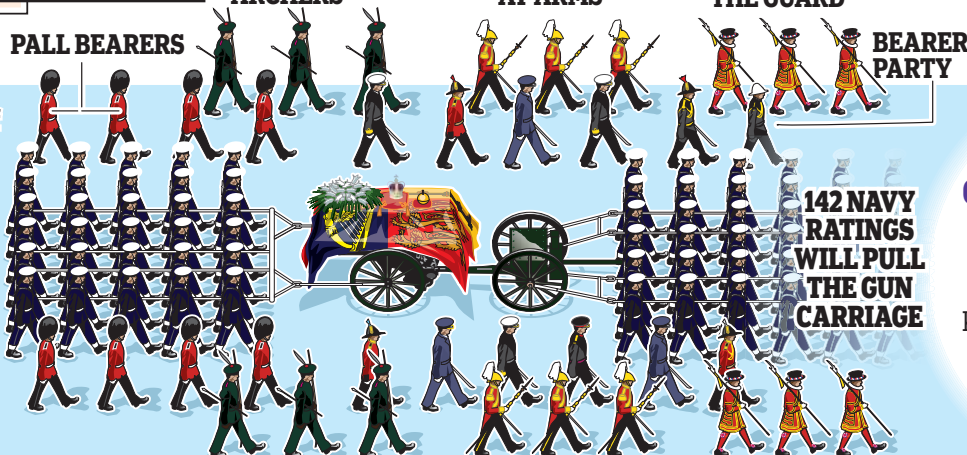
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## SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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# HISTORIC DAY OF MOURNING WILL UNFOLD

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## STATE FUNERAL

**11am** State Funeral Service begins conducted by the Dean of Westminster, David Hoyle, below. The Prime Minister and the Secretary General of the Commonwealth read Lessons.

■ The Archbishop of York, the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and the Free Churches Moderator say prayers.

■ Sermon is given by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who



also gives the Commendation. The Dean gives the Blessing.

**11.55am** ■ Last Post sounds, followed by two minutes' silence.

**Noon** ■ Reveille, the National Anthem and a Lament played by the Queen's Piper brings the State Funeral Service to an end.

■ The Bearer Party return the coffin to the State Gun Carriage for the procession to Wellington Arch.

### WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Queen's coffin will be on a catafalque in The Lantern

Royal Family seated here

Heads of state and VIPs

Choir

Nave

### HER MAJESTY'S COFFIN

borne by the Bearer Party

#### The Queen Consort

Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence

The Duke of York

The Countess of Wessex and Forfar

The Princess of Wales

Princess Charlotte of Wales

The Duchess of Sussex

The Earl of Snowdon

The Duke of Gloucester

Prince Michael of Kent

#### THE KING

The Princess Royal

The Earl of Wessex and Forfar

The Prince of Wales

Prince George of Wales

The Duke of Sussex

Mr Peter Phillips

The Duke of Kent

- 200 massed pipes and drums
- Pursuivants, Heralds and Kings of Arms
- Major General Commanding the Household Division and Staff

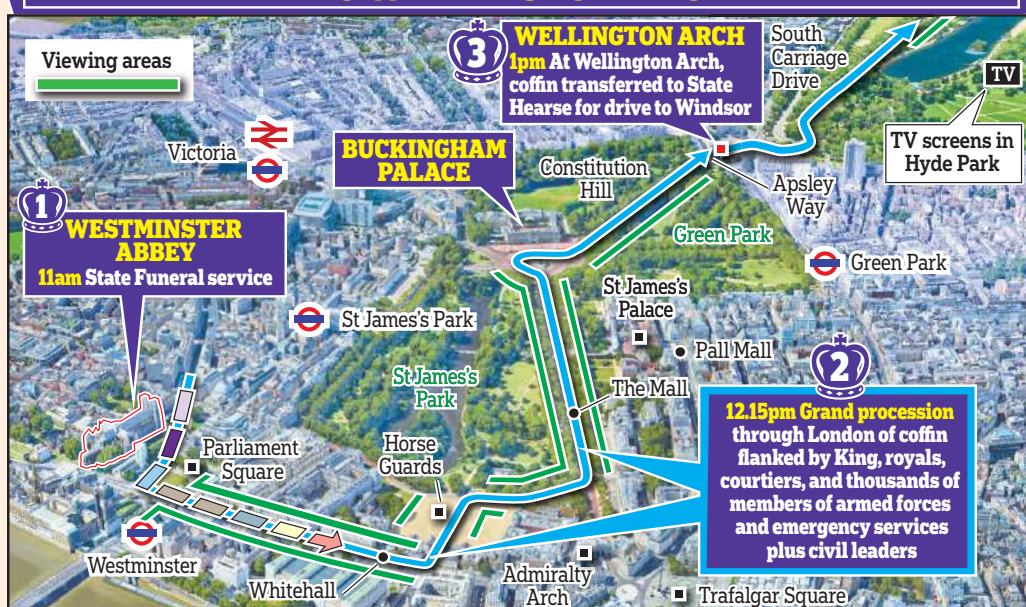
■ Lady Usher of the Black Rod, Sarah Clarke, above

■ Garter King of Arms

Brigade of Gurkhas

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## PROCESSION FROM WESTMINSTER ABBEY TO WELLINGTON ARCH



Royal Air Force

George Cross foundations & armed forces of the Commonwealth

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Army

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

STATE GUN CARRIAGE and Households

Civilian services

**12.15pm** THE PROCESSION - the like of which has never been seen in most people's lifetimes - sets off for Wellington Arch at Hyde Park Corner.

■ Coffin is again flanked by the bearer party to the Abbey, King Charles leads members of the Royal Family walking in the procession.

■ The Queen Consort follows by car, sharing with The Princess of Wales.

■ The Duchess of Sussex and The Countess of Wessex share the next car.

■ Members of Households of The Queen, The King and The Prince of Wales follow.

■ Guns are fired every minute in Hyde Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery. Big Ben tolls during the procession.

■ Hundreds of thousands of members of the public line the 1.7-mile route, along with thousands of members of the Armed Forces.

■ The Queen's coffin is borne along Whitehall, passing the Cenotaph which is flanked by members of the Royal British Legion.

■ At Horse Guards Parade, The King's Life Guard turn out to give a royal salute.

■ Up The Mall and past Buckingham Palace for the final time - where The King's Guard will give a royal salute as the coffin passes.

**1pm** ■ On arrival at Wellington Arch the bearer party will place the coffin in the state hearse for the journey to Windsor. As the hearse departs the National Anthem plays.



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## ROUTE TO WINDSOR



### TODAY'S WEATHER

■ **North:** Sunny spells in the morning but thick clouds and drizzle in the afternoon.

High: 17C (63F) Low: 8C (46F)

■ **South:** Bright, sunny morning turning cloudy with showers in the afternoon.

High: 19C (66F) Low: 7C (45F)

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# HER FINAL RESTING PLACE: QUEEN'S WINDSOR

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## PROCESSION

**3pm** Procession forms up on the fringes of Windsor, at Shaw Farm Gate on Albert Road.

**3.06pm** State Hearse approaches and joins the procession.

■ The State Hearse is flanked by pall bearers and an escort party consisting of two officers and 24 rank-and-file soldiers of the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

■ The Queen's Company Colour, the Royal Standard of the regiment of Grenadier Guards, and a Sovereign's Standard of the Household Cavalry, are positioned immediately in front of and behind the hearse.

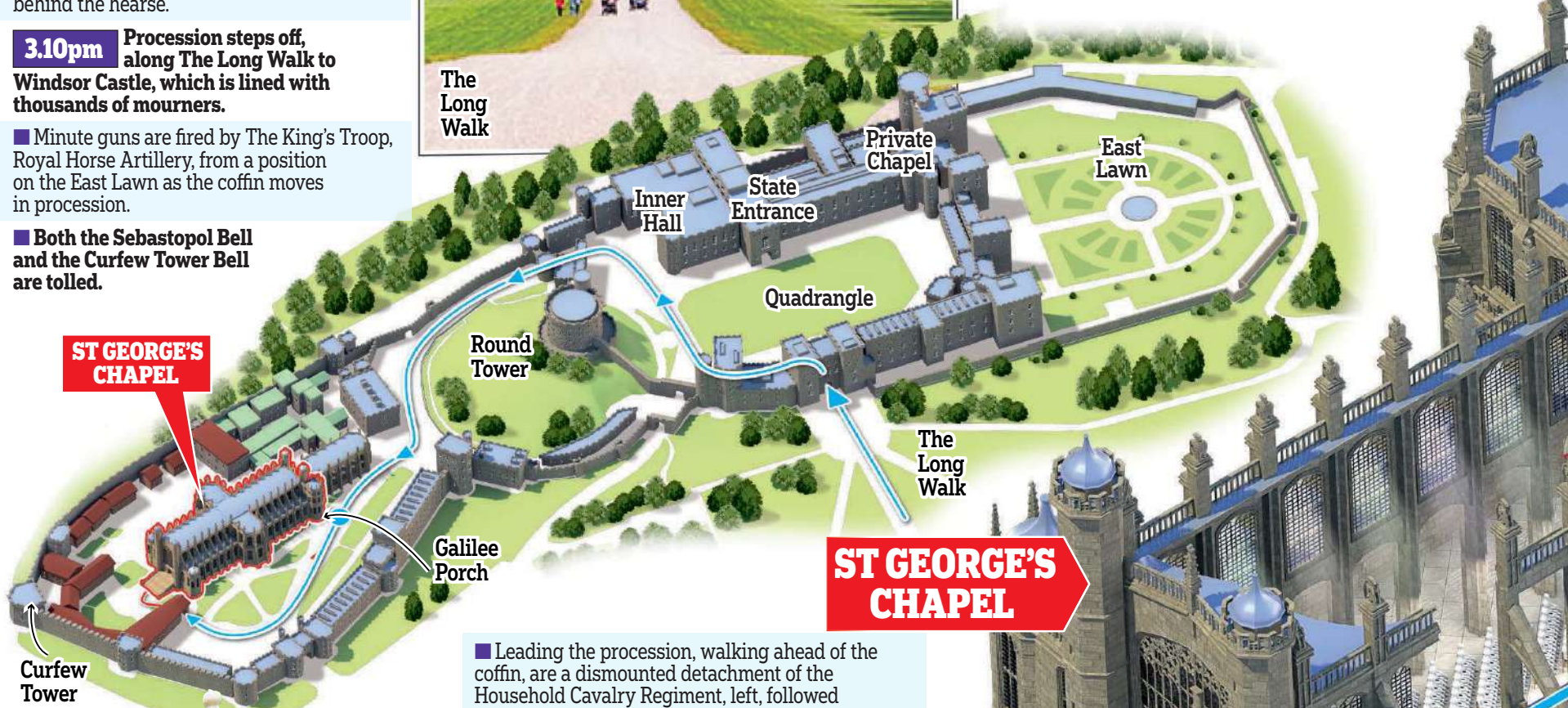
**3.10pm** Procession steps off, along The Long Walk to Windsor Castle, which is lined with thousands of mourners.

■ Minute guns are fired by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, from a position on the East Lawn as the coffin moves in procession.

■ Both the Sebastopol Bell and the Curfew Tower Bell are tolled.

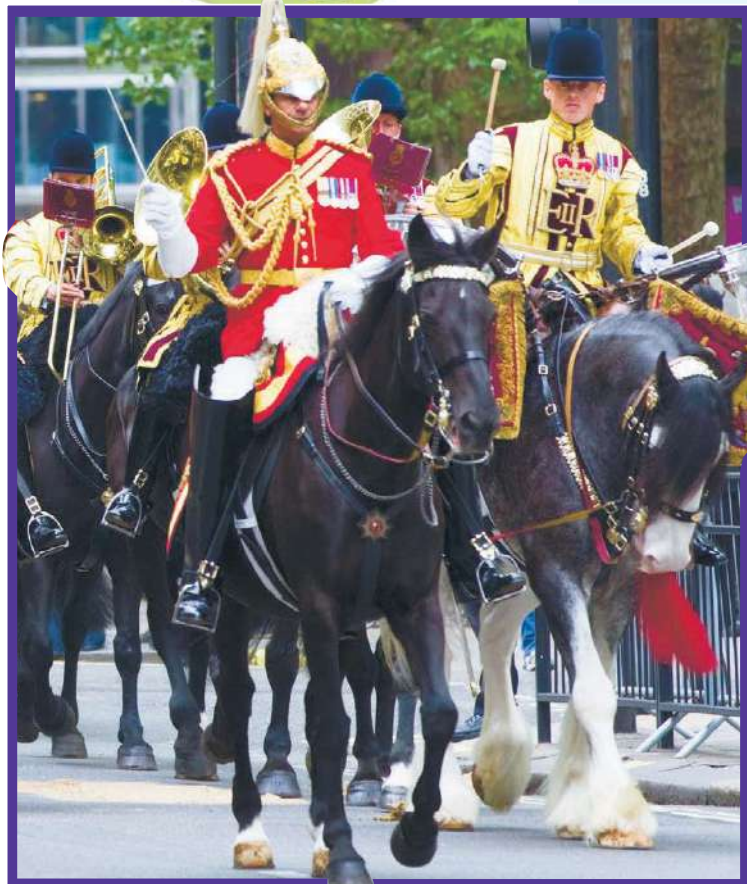


The Long Walk



**ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL**

■ Leading the procession, walking ahead of the coffin, are a dismounted detachment of the Household Cavalry Regiment, left, followed immediately by a mounted division of the Sovereign's Escort, a massed pipes and drums of Scottish and Irish Regiments, the bands of the Coldstream Guards and The Household Cavalry, officers of the Household Division, officers of arms, along with officers and senior members of the Queen's household such as her Private Secretary, the Palace Steward and her Master of the Horse.



**HORSESHOE CLOISTER**

**3.40pm** At the castle Quadrangle, the procession is joined by King Charles and other royals.

■ As in London, the King again leads members of the Royal Family, walking directly behind the coffin.

■ Behind them, members of the Queen's, the King's and the Prince of Wales's households follow.

**WEST STEPS**

■ Further back are more mounted and dismounted detachments of the Household Cavalry.

■ The Queen Consort with the Princess of Wales, and the Duchess of Sussex with the Countess of Wessex once again follow by car.



# JOURNEY TO LIE WITH HER BELOVED PHILIP

## KING GEORGE VI MEMORIAL CHAPEL



## THE CLERGY



The service will be led by the Dean of Windsor, the Rt Rev. David Conner, left. The blessing will be pronounced by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, right.

## MINUTE GUNS

Minute Guns will be fired by the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, from a position on the East Lawn as the coffin moves in procession from Shaw Farm Gate to the West Steps of St George's Chapel.



## BURIAL

**4pm** Committal Service begins - televised.

Procession enters chapel and proceeds down centre aisle to catafalque in the Quire.

Service is conducted by the Dean of Windsor, with prayers from the Rector of Sandringham, the Minister of Crathie Kirk and the Chaplain of Windsor Great Park.

Prior to the final hymn, the Imperial State Crown, the Orb and the Sceptre are removed from the coffin by the Crown Jeweller. With the Bargemaster and Serjeants-at-Arms, they are passed to the Dean who places them on the altar.

After the final hymn, the King places the Queen's Company Camp Colour of the Grenadier Guards on the coffin. The Lord Chamberlain 'breaks' his wand of office.

As coffin is lowered into the Royal Vault, the Dean of Windsor says a psalm and the commendation, before Garter King of Arms pronounces the styles and titles of the Queen.

Sovereign's Piper plays a lament from doorway between the chapel and the Dean's Cloister. He walks slowly towards the Deanery in the Cloister so the music inside the chapel gradually fades.

Archbishop of Canterbury pronounces the blessing. Followed by singing God Save The King.

## ROYAL VAULT

Royal Vault: George III, George IV and William IV are buried here

## 7.30pm

Private burial service - not televised - is conducted by the Dean of Windsor, attended by the King and members of the Royal Family.

Her Majesty is buried together with her late husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, at the King George VI Memorial Chapel.

## CONGREGATION

**2pm** Doors of St George's Chapel in Horseshoe Cloister open for the general congregation, comprising members of Her Majesty's household past and present including personal staff who work, or who have worked, on the private estates.

On duty are the Military Knights of Windsor, the honorary bodyguards.

**3.20pm** Governors General and realm prime ministers arrive at the West Door, St George's Chapel, and are escorted to their seats in the Nave.

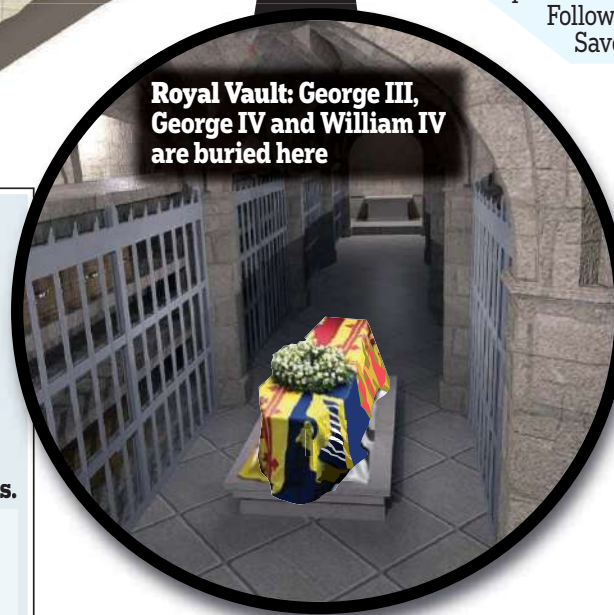
**3.25pm** Royals not walking in the procession arrive at the West Door and are escorted to their seats in the Quire and the Nave.

In Horseshoe Cloister, Windsor Castle Guard is turned out, facing the guardroom, and presents arms for the arrival of royals.

**3.53pm** Procession halts at the bottom of the West Steps of St George's Chapel. Bearer party lifts the coffin from the State Hearse. They carry it up the West Steps.

Guard of honour welcomes coffin, consisting of three officers and 110 rank-and-file soldiers from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment lines the steps.







# State Funeral Majesty Queen *Order of* Westminster Abbey, 11am,

**BEFORE the service, the tenor bell is tolled every minute for 96 minutes, reflecting each year of Queen Elizabeth II's life.**

## MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

### Fantasia of Four Parts

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

### Romanza (Symphony No 5 in D)

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

### Reliqui Domum Meum

Peter Maxwell Davies (1934-2016)

### Meditation on 'Brother James's Air'

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

### Prelude on 'Ecce Jam Noctis', Op 157 No 3

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

### Psalm Prelude Set 1 no 2

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

### In The Country, Op 194 no 2

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

### Fantasy on 'O Paradise'

Malcolm Williamson (1931-2003)

### Elegy, Op 58

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

### Andante espressivo (Sonata in G, Op 28)

Elgar

The Procession of Religious Representatives (from the Churches in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the leaders of Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and other faiths) moves to places in the Nave and the Sacrament.

**All remain seated.**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**All stand.**

Her Majesty's coffin enters the Abbey, surmounted by the Imperial State Crown and the Orb and Sceptre, borne by the bearer party including: The King, The Queen Consort, Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence, The Princess Royal, The Duke of York, Countess of Wessex, Earl of Wessex, Princess of Wales, Prince of Wales, Princess Charlotte, Prince George, Duchess of Sussex, Duke of Sussex, Earl Snowdon, Peter Phillips; Duke of Gloucester, Prince Michael of Kent, Duke of Kent.

**The choir sings:**

## THE SENTENCES

John 11: 25-26; Job 19: 25-27; 1 Timothy 6: 7; Job 1: 21

**The Choir of Westminster Abbey and the Choir of the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, sing:**

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful

ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

*The Book of Common Prayer, 1549*

Heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. Amen.

*Revelation 14:13*

## THE BIDDING

*By Dr David Hoyle MBE, Dean of Westminster (extract):*

In grief and also in profound thanksgiving we come to this House of God, to a place of prayer, to a church where remembrance and hope are sacred duties. Here, where Queen Elizabeth was married and crowned, we gather from across the nation, from the Commonwealth, and from the nations of the world, to mourn our loss, to remember her long life of selfless service, and in sure confidence to commit her to the mercy of God our maker and redeemer. With gratitude we remember her unswerving commitment to a high calling over so many years as Queen and Head of the Commonwealth. With admiration we recall her lifelong sense of duty and dedication to her people. With thanksgiving we praise God for her constant example of Christian faith and devotion. With affection we recall her love for her family and her commitment to the causes she held dear. Now, in silence, let us in our hearts and minds recall our many reasons for thanksgiving, pray for all members of her family, and commend Queen Elizabeth to the care and keeping of almighty God.

**A brief silence is kept.**

**All sing:**

## THE DAY THOU GAVEST

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness falls at thy behest; to thee our morning hymns ascended, thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping, while Earth rolls onward into light, through all the world her watch is keeping, and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away. The sun that bids us rest is waking our brethren 'neath the western sky, and hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! thy throne shall never, like Earth's proud empires, pass away; thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever, till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*John Ellerton (1826-93); St. Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 53-end, read by Baroness Scotland, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth*

**All remain seated as the choir sings:**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 42: 1-7, composed for this service by Judith Weir CBE*

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God; In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

## THE SECOND LESSON

*John 14: 1-9a, read by Prime Minister Elizabeth Truss*

**All stand to sing:**

## THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

## The choir sings:

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

## All sing:

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

*Psalm 23 in Scottish Psalter 1650 Crimond attributed to Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-87), harmony by David Grant (1833-93), descant by William Baird Ross (1871-1950)*

## THE SERMON

*By the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby*

**All remain seated as the choir sings:**

## THE ANTHEM

My soul, there is a country Far beyond the stars, Where stands a winged sentry All skilful in the wars:

There above noise, and danger, Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,

And One born in a manger Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend, And (O my soul, awake!) Did in pure love descend,

To die here for thy sake. If thou canst get but thither,

There grows the flower of Peace, The Rose that cannot wither,

Thy fortress, and thy ease. Leave then thy foolish ranges,

For none can thee secure, But One who never changes,

Thy God, thy Life, thy Cure. *Henry Vaughan (1621-95); from Songs of Farewell Hubert Parry (1848-1918)*

**THE PRAYERS**  
Led by Mark Birch, Minor Canon and Precentor, the Prayers are read by: Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; Shermara Fletcher, Principal Officer for Pentecostal and Charismatic Relations, Churches Together in England; Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of Lon-



# of Her Elizabeth II Service

## Monday, September 19



A witness to history: Westminster Abbey was originally built by Edward the Confessor

don and Dean of His Majesty's Chapels Royal;  
Canon Helen Cameron, Moderator of the Free Churches Group;  
Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster;  
Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

*The choir sings Psalm 34:8 as composed for the Queen's Coronation in 1953 by Ralph Vaughan Williams:*  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is, blest is the man that trusteth in him.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

All stand to sing:

### LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.  
Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.  
Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!  
*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

All remain standing for:

### THE COMMENDATION

*The Archbishop of Canterbury says:*

Let us commend to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer, the soul of Elizabeth, our late Queen.  
Heavenly Father, King of kings, Lord and giver of life, who of thy grace in creation didst form mankind in thine own image, and in thy great love offerest us life eternal in Christ Jesus; claiming the promises of thy most blessed Son, we entrust the soul of Elizabeth, our sister here departed, to thy merciful keeping, in sure and certain hope of the res-

urrection to eternal life, when Christ shall be all in all; who died and rose again to save us, and now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, in glory for ever. Amen.

O forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon thee and anointed thee. In communion with all the blessed saints, and aided by the angels and archangels and all the armies of the heavenly host, may thy portion this day be in peace, and thy dwelling in the heavenly Jerusalem. Amen.

All remain standing as the choir sings:

### THE ANTHEM

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.

*Romans 8:35a, 38b-end, composed for this service by Sir James MacMillan*

### THE BLESSING

God grant to the living grace; to the departed rest; to the Church, The King, the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord, and to us sinners, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

All remain standing for:

### THE LAST POST

### REVEILLE

All sing:

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Queen's Piper, Pipe Major Paul Burns, plays Sleep, dearie, Sleep. All remain standing as the coffin leaves the church while sub-organist plays Fantasia in C minor

**MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE**  
**Allegro maestoso (Sonata in G, Op 28)** Sir Edward Elgar

## ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, Windsor Castle, Monday September 19, 2022, 4pm

Organ music before service includes works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Dame Ethel Smyth, Herbert Howells and Sir Edward Elgar.

*4pm, coffin enters. Bearer party includes senior royals as earlier, but not including William's children. Includes senior courtiers from both Queen's and Charles's households.*

### PSALM 121

All then sit as the Choir sings:

### THE RUSSIAN CONTAKION OF THE DEPARTED

### THE BIDDING

*By the Dean of Windsor*

**Extract:** We pray that God will give us grace to honour her memory by following her example, and that, with our sister Elizabeth, at the last, we shall know the joys of life eternal.

All remain standing.

### ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED

*All my Hope on God is Founded, by Robert Bridges, based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-80)*

### THE READING

*Revelation 21.1-7, Read by the Dean of Windsor*

**Extract:** I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

### THE PRAYERS

*Read by the Rector of Sandringham, the Minister of Crathie Kirk and the Chaplain of the Royal Chapel, Windsor Great Park.*

All say together:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

All sit as the Choir sings:

### THE MOTET

*By John Donne (1572-1631) to music by Sir William Henry Harris, KCVO (1883-1973), sometime Organist, St George's Chapel*

All stand for the presentation, in silence, of the Instruments of State, to be received by the Dean of Windsor, from the Queen's Bargemaster and a Serjeant of Arms, who places them on the High Altar.

### CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation, from Latin 7th century translated by John M. Neale (1818-66)*

At the end of the hymn, The Queen's Company Camp Colour is placed on the coffin by The King having received it from the Regimental Lieutenant Colonel Grenadier Guards.

The Lord Chamberlain breaks his wand which is placed upon the coffin.

### THE COMMITTAL

As the coffin is lowered, the Dean of Windsor says:

### THE PSALM

Psalm 103, 13-17

Garner King of Arms proclaims:

### THE STYLES AND TITLES OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

THUS it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this transitory life unto His Divine Mercy the late Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Excellent Monarch, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, and Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

*The Queen's Piper plays a lament*

### THE BLESSING

*Pronounced by the Archbishop of Canterbury*

### THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

All remain standing.

### THE VOLUNTARY

**Prelude and Fugue in C Minor** Johann Sebastian Bach





Dedication: Tents line The Mall as Tina Foster, of Horley, Surrey, has breakfast on Horse Guards Road, where she pitched her tent on Saturday

# Carry on camping! Fans defy tent ban on The Mall

By Ryan Hooper

**HARDY** royal fans defied no-camping rules ahead of the Queen's funeral today, as people of all ages set up tents, deckchairs and even a makeshift minibar to grab premium seats for the spectacle.

Scores of people began bedding in to line The Mall in central London over the weekend, despite rules – seemingly loosely enforced – preventing people from setting up camp.

Several said friends and family told them they were 'mad' to carry out the overnight vigil, but they insisted they would not miss the occasion.

Among them were school friends Christine Manning, 75, and Dianne Donohue, 73, from Leek in Staffordshire, who slept in a pop-up tent.

Mrs Donohue, a retired housewife and grandmother-of-three, said: 'Yes, the advice was not to camp but we disobeyed. We've had a good catch-up, we've enjoyed it.'

'We were sleeping in the tent and at 4.30am I woke up and asked Chris if she was awake – she was, so we had a whisky and lemonade and a pork pie.'

'A couple more hours' sleep, then on to the prosecco. We had to take our tent down at 7am because the police told us to, but we couldn't do it, so we had to get some lad to help us.'

'We're out of pork pies sadly but we've got sausage rolls, and we've got some gin now the whisky's run out – we're chipper.'

Miss Manning, a retired waitress, added: 'My kids said we were mad. Well, "mental" is the word they



Happy campers: Dianne Donohue, 73, and Christine Manning, 75, from Staffordshire

used. They said we were idiots. I said it had to be done.'

The Mall was a frenzy of activity yesterday, as people arrived to lay flowers nearby, get a glimpse of Buckingham Palace and Horse Guards Parade, and bag their vantage points for the funeral procession as it makes its way from Westminster to Windsor.

Tim Thompson, 35, from New Brunswick in Canada, and Charlie Shirley, 36, from north London, also slept in a tent on the Mall.

The pair became friends after sitting next to each other for William

and Kate's wedding in 2011, and resumed their same spot together on Saturday.

Miss Shirley said: 'We do all the royal events together, it's like we're a family.'

'I saw Tim at the Queen's Jubilee and we said that the next time we see each other would probably be at the Queen's funeral – we didn't expect it to be three months later.'

Mr Thompson said: 'I keep four days' holiday a year for royal events, so I had to be here.'

American businesswoman Nicole

Alford, 40, paid around £1,300 for a last-minute flight to London on Thursday, and said she would camp out until after the funeral.

She said: 'You don't come all this way and then watch it on the TV. I want a front row seat for history.'

'My mum said, "I can't believe you're doing that." I said, "I can't believe you didn't think I would do that". Everybody thinks I'm crazy, but I managed five-and-a-half hours of uninterrupted sleep on my first night camping out here, so I'm fine.'

Semi-retired teacher Ian Rhodes,

66, and his wife Sue, 58, from Alton in Staffordshire, arrived at The Mall at 11am yesterday to claim their spot – although they said they would sleep in deckchairs rather than pitch a tent.

Mr Rhodes said: 'The only other time I've queued overnight for anything was when Stoke City got to Wembley for the cup final in 1972, and I waited overnight at the

*'My kids said we were mad; it had to be done'*

club shop with my friends to get tickets. People have said we're mad, but sanity is relative.'

Mrs Rhodes said the couple's two adult sons had been concerned about their parents 'roughing it' overnight in London, but said: 'I told them we were going to do it anyway – when has their mother ever done what she was told?'

Paulette Galley, from Boston in Lincolnshire, said she was determined to stay on The Mall overnight. The 54-year-old kitchen assistant, originally from south London, said: 'I might not get any sleep, but I don't care.'

'She was my Queen, and I want to pay my respects to her. There is no way I wouldn't be here.'

## BBC powers funeral coverage with eco-friendly veggie oil

THE BBC's massive broadcasting operation at the Queen's funeral will be fuelled by eco-friendly vegetable oil.

Generators providing electricity for the corporation's 213 cameras at the event will be run on Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), which emits far fewer carbon emissions than regular generator diesel.

The BBC will also save power by using energy-saving LED lighting in its studios in London and Windsor.

Cameras that film in Ultra High Definition will be used for the coverage, which

By Imogen Horton and Paul Revoir

airs from 8am to 5pm, so high-quality footage is preserved for archives.

Huw Edwards and Fergal Keane will present the BBC's coverage from London while Kirsty Young and David Dimbleby will be based in Windsor.

Sophie Raworth will report from Parliament Square and Anita Rani from the Long Walk at Windsor, while JJ Chalmers will be stationed at Wellington Barracks in Westminster.

## Black hats shortage as demand rockets – and even Beatrice is hit

PRINCESS Beatrice was turned away empty-handed from a top store amid a shortage of black hats in London.

Demand soared after little more than a week's notice was given of the day of the funeral, making the black 'pill box' one of London's most sought-after items.

Official invitations require women among the 2,000-plus guests to wear hats and decorations. Many attending have flown in from abroad and assumed they could buy one with no problem but

By Rebecca English Royal Editor

most of London's top stores have now sold out of suitable headwear.

Beatrice had no luck at Fenwick of Bond Street last week. A source said: 'There was nothing on the shop floor or even in the stockroom they could give her.'

'One customer was so desperate she bought a very expensive black hat with little crystals that she intends to cut off to meet the dress code.'





# Queen carved out her own role in a male-dominated world, says Camilla

THE Queen Consort has told of her admiration for how the Queen carved out her own role as a 'solitary woman' in a male-dominated world.

In a televised tribute broadcast last night, Camilla remembered her mother-in-law's 'wonderful blue eyes' and 'unforgettable' smile.

But she also noted how 'difficult' it must have been as a female head of state at such a young age when there were no women prime ministers or presidents.

Her heartfelt tribute – recorded earlier in the summer – revealed how the Queen had once found it hard to keep her public role and private passions separate.

It was her escapes to Balmoral and Sandringham that gave her huge enjoyment, she said, allowing the Queen to have family members to stay and 'do the things she loved'.

She told of her love of horse racing – and the steely glare one would receive if they dared question her on how to look after her studs.

Paying tribute to her 'good sense of humour', she also described how the Queen had once found it highly amusing when, in a fit of nerves on the day of her wedding to the then Prince of Wales, Camilla had left for the church in odd shoes with different sized heels.

Speaking to the BBC, she said: 'I remember coming from here, Clarence House, to go to Windsor

By **Jim Norton**

the day I got married when I probably wasn't firing on all cylinders, quite nervous and, for some unknown reason, I put on a pair of shoes and one had an inch heel and one had a two-inch heel.

'So, I mean talk about hop-a-long and there's nothing I could do. I was halfway down in the car before I realised and she could see and laughed about it and said, "Look I'm terribly sorry"... she did have a good sense of humour.'

Camilla also said: '[The Queen's] got those wonderful blue eyes that when she smiles, they light up her whole face. I'll always remember that smile... that smile is unforgettable.'

On the eve of her Platinum Jubilee in February, Queen Elizabeth II had endorsed the then Duchess of Cornwall as 'Queen Consort' for when the time of succession came.

Hoping to ensure as smooth a transition as possible, she called on the public to back both her

**Heart-felt: Camilla in last night's televised tribute to the Queen and, right, with Her Majesty after marrying Charles in 2005**

daughter-in-law and Charles when he became King. Camilla had been blamed for the breakdown of her husband's first marriage to Diana, Princess of Wales, but the public mood towards her has since softened.

After marrying Charles in 2005, she has slowly taken on more royal duties, including sitting next to the Queen during her Diamond Jubilee carriage procession in 2012.

The Queen Consort's tribute to



her mother-in-law was broadcast shortly before the national minute's silence at 8pm.

She said: '[The Queen] has been part of our lives forever. I'm 75 now and I can't remember anybody except the Queen being there.'

'It must have been so difficult for her being a solitary woman, and there weren't women prime ministers or women presidents.'

'She was the only one, so I think she carved her own role. She made

a rule that she had her private time and her private passions and then her public role and I think that is very important that the diary is planned out so you know when you're on duty and when you've got to do things.'

'Then when she went up to Scotland in August, that was the moment where it was her enjoyment. Although, she was probably working, with her red boxes throughout, she could have her family to stay, she could do the things she loved.'

'Her real passion was racing. She was able to escape to Sandringham. She had the stud next door. She could go every day, see her foals, work out the next meetings for the year. I think she always kept that as her private bit.'

'You wouldn't dare question her or argue with her on how her horse was bred or how it ran because you'd get a very steely blue-eyed look.'

## Support grows for annual Elizabeth Day

**CALLS are growing for an annual bank holiday to celebrate the memory of Queen Elizabeth II.**

Campaigners, historians and MPs have added their support alongside a 140,000-strong petition. Former Tory leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith has lobbied Downing Street, declaring it a 'brilliant idea', and plans to rally cross-party sup-

port when Parliament resumes this week. Historian and broadcaster Dan Snow backed the campaign, saying: 'We haven't always been great as a country at celebrating what binds us together. This is a moment to change that and create a day that will represent the principles of togetherness and service that Her Majesty personified.'



# After six days, end



By Izzy Lyons

**MOURNERS** scrambled to be among the last to see the Queen's coffin last night as the public farewell to Her Majesty came to an end.

Desperate well-wishers piled into Southwark Park in south-east London and headed towards Westminster on the last day of the lying-in-state, which closed at 6.30 this morning.

Despite suggestions that the queue would close early yesterday afternoon, thousands of panicked mourners rushed down the banks of the Thames after 7pm to pay their respects to Her Majesty.

They were seen running towards Tower Bridge as word continued to spread that the queue would be closed imminently. Cheers of 'we made it!' rang out as the mourners collected their prized wristbands and started the long journey towards Westminster Hall.

On their way, many were greeted by former home secretary Priti Patel, who was a volunteer marshal near Waterloo Bridge.

The queue, dubbed the Elizabeth line, had waiting times of between nine and 14 hours on its last day as vast numbers of the public refused to be put off.

The historic event is expected to have attracted bigger crowds than



**Last-minute dash:** A single mourner, top, at the Tower Bridge end of the queue yesterday  
**Above:** The line earlier in the week, when waiting times had reached nearly 24 hours

back of the queue. But more than six hours later, streams of determined mourners were still descending on Southwark Park.

The experience was so popular that some decided to do it more than once.

Philomena Groome, 56, rushed towards the end of the line yesterday to queue for the second time. The Irish-born nurse queued for seven hours on Friday but had to drop out to take her 19-year-old son to university in Stoke-on-Trent. 'I

got to Waterloo Bridge and it was a four-hour wait away and if I didn't go then I wouldn't be able to take him to university, and that's so important,' she said.

'But I am ready to queue again, for 14 hours this time. As I was driving round the M25, coming back from Stoke-on-Trent, I thought, I have to do it again.'

'I could hear them on the radio saying don't leave home, they are considering closing the queue. I panicked and thought I was going

to miss it. I could have joined where I dropped out at Waterloo but I didn't want to queue-jump just because I waited seven hours before. So I have started from the beginning of it. I am doing it because as a little girl in Ireland, all I can remember is watching Charles marry Diana.'

'I was very lucky back in 1989 to be sponsored by The Prince's Trust to set up a balloon company and I ran in for 26 years.'

A second hours-long queue



*'Monday the 19th of September 2022 will forever be etched on my memory'*

*'I thought, I have to do it again'*

the 301,000 who viewed the lying-in-state for George VI in 1952.

Pop star James Blunt, 48, was there yesterday with his wife Sofia Wellesley, 39, the granddaughter of the 8th Duke of Wellington. Blunt became friends with Prince Harry after they both served in The Household Cavalry. He also stood guard at the coffin of the Queen Mother in 2002.

At noon yesterday, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport issued the first of several warnings urging people not to set off for the

## Queue here for a rather unlikely royal romance

**WITH** all those hours waiting to pay respects to Her Majesty, sparks were bound to fly.

That's exactly what happened for Jack Ciuro and Zoe who hit it off in the five-mile queue on Saturday.

Despite the solemnity of the occasion, Zoe said meeting Jack, a graduate sports therapist, was a 'blessing in disguise' as they entertained each other with 'crisps, stories, having laughs and banter'.

Their budding romance has been

likened online to Richard Curtis's 2003 rom-com *Love Actually*, with social media users nicknaming their meeting 'Queue Actually'.

Asked if they would stay in touch, Zoe told Channel 4 News: 'Yeah, 100 per cent.' Jack added: 'We're going to the funeral together on Monday.'

'It's going to be mixed emotions,' Zoe said. 'It's something that is part of history so we want to be there and share that moment with someone else.'



*Queue Actually: Jack Ciuro and Zoe will watch today's funeral in London together to be a 'part of history'*



# of Elizabeth line

**In his Cub's cap, boy of 8 who was the last in queue to see George VI**



*A place in history: Mickey Bran sleeps in the line to see the King*

By **Ryan Hooper**

**CLOAKED** in an enormous blanket and dutifully ready to remove his Cub's cap, eight-year-old Mickey Bran earned a minor place in royal history as the last person in the queue to see King George VI lying in state.

Now, 70 years on, Mr Bran remembers the occasion with a heavy heart.

'It was daunting,' the 78-year-old military veteran said from his home in Gosport, Hampshire, after being tracked down by the Daily Mail.

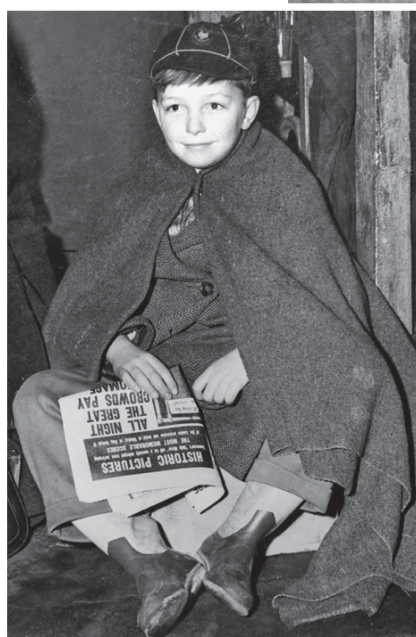
'I walked into Westminster Hall and had never seen anything like it before in my life. And I never thought I'd see it again. But now we've seen it on a TV and it brings back memories.'

Mr Bran said he was in the queue on February 15, 1952, with his father Bernard to pay his respects when he was approached by the press.

'The Press came up and they wanted somebody to go through last and make a story of it, so that was me.'

Mr Bran, who grew up in Colliers Wood, south London, said he spent around two hours waiting before he filed silently in to see the coffin.

'It was all different in those days - there were a couple of policemen, nobody was armed, there wasn't all this



security.' Mr Bran said he and wife Brenda would have loved to have joined the queue again to see the Queen lying in state, but he could not because of a long-standing knee injury which required major surgery at the week-



*Royal ties: Mickey Bran in 1952, above and far left, and in 1977 with the Queen, left*

don Fire Brigade, including meeting the Queen in 1977. Mr Bran, inset, who has two daughters, two grandsons and two step-granddaughters, said: 'When I joined the Navy, I pledged my allegiance to the Queen and the country.'

'And even when I served in the fire service, we met the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh then. It means a lot to me, the Royal Family. Seeing the coffin in the hall again, it really gets to you.'



end. 'And I would have been up there for the funeral, but I just can't do it,' he said. Mr Bran had several brushes with royalty during his 12 years in the Royal Navy and 19 years working for the Lon-



# Royal staff upset as celebs and MPs beat the queue

By **Rebecca English**  
Royal Editor

JUNIOR members of the royal household have been left 'upset and disappointed' at not being able to see the Queen lying in state.

Her staff say it is a 'kick in stomach' that MPs have been allowed to jump ahead of the queue – and take four guests with them – when many of those who served her loyally for years have not even been able to pay their respects.

There has also been much criticism of television presenters Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby using a priority media queue to view Her Majesty's coffin.

'They have the same Queen as everyone else. It's pretty galling to see some people being given priority over others,' a source told the Daily Mail.

The 650 MPs were permitted to jump ahead of the 14-hour public queue, as well as members of the House of Lords. Jacob Rees-Mogg was seen accompanied by three of his young children last week using the 'fast track' system, as was former prime minister Theresa May and deputy Labour leader Angela Rayner.

Some parliamentary staff were also permitted



**Criticised: Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield used a priority media queue**

to beat the crowds. However, it was pointed out that cleaners and security guards who work in Parliament had been told to queue as they are employed by contractors.

The House of Commons said priority lay with the public. In a statement, it said: 'It is not possible to open up further access (for staffers) without the risk of impacting access for queueing members of the public.'

Royal sources told the Mail that the 1,200 plus royal staff who worked for the Queen, many of whom who have been on duty since she died, would have appreciated the chance to pay their respects.

The Queen's lying-in-state closed at 6.30am this morning to prepare for the funeral procession. It is particularly galling as staff working at both Buckingham Palace and Clarence House now face redundancy because of the change in reign.

Another source said: 'There are a lot of people, particularly at Her Majesty's estates, who have been dealing with household matters or marshalling the public wanting to come and lay tributes, that haven't been able to pay their own respects.'

'It's definitely left a bad taste in their mouths, especially when many of them have served her loyalty and are now facing redundancy through no fault of their own.'

However, Palace sources stressed there had been 'several opportunities' for staff members to pay their respects to the Queen.

*For years, he's been a half-hearted monarchist. But after queueing for 11 hours to pay his respects, PETER HITCHENS had a powerful epiphany*



by **PETER HITCHENS**

**I** SUPPOSE that I had more or less taken leave of my senses as I set out for Bermondsey on Saturday afternoon to queue for the Queen's lying-in-state.

The decision was a mixture of bravado, instinct and careful plotting. Hoping to evade various bans and restrictions, I had turned my old waxed jacket into an item of luggage, its huge pockets stuffed with books, in case of boredom, and weighed down with a phone bank and a wriggling mass of wires, because my mobile would certainly go flat on me during the long night.

Before setting off, I wolfed a bacon cheeseburger in the (correct) belief that I would then not feel hungry for hours. Thirst would be a different problem.

Why was I doing this? As a monarchist, I am cool to the point of chilliness, with no special love for

*I was damned if I was going to miss this moment*

the actual Windsor family. I have never owned a Coronation mug.

It is more or less pure reason, combined with the joyful duty of defeating republicans in argument, which causes me to rally to Crown and Sceptre. But I was damned if I was going to miss this and so spend the rest of my life wishing I had been there.

I have been at some odd events — from the Grosvenor Square rally against the Vietnam War in 1968, to several mighty convulsions in the famous and beautiful cities of Eastern Europe, as Communism fell.

But I had envied, for almost 60 years, those who had been in person to see the mighty ceremonies of farewell to Sir Winston Churchill, the funeral of the British Empire and — until now — the greatest such event to take place in my life.

And here I was, with the chance of passing through Westminster Hall and seeing the coffin of the Queen guarded with the last splendours of our ancient, troubled kingdom.

It was not just that I might never see such a thing again while I live. It was that nobody might ever see it again at all, as the pestilent modernisers and reformers prowl round, seeking which remaining parts

of our tradition they may devour and destroy.

Goodness, Westminster Hall is perhaps the most astonishing room in England. I have scurried through it many times

on workful missions, feeling that I was too insignificant to be allowed in.

I had never yet seen anything happen there that even began to equal or deserve the sheer

power of its ancient architecture, or the lingering echoes of our nation's long and often bloody struggle to be sovereign and free — echoes that are to be found there on

# I saw the glory of nations, the majesty of death and its inevitability, the distillation of 1,000 years of kingship, still astonishingly alive in an age which neither understands nor much likes it





The final splendour: In solemn silence, the public file past the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, lying in state in Westminster Hall

Pictures: REUTERS/HANNAH MCKAY/YUIMOK/PA WIRE



Long wait: Rows of fences help to manage the large numbers of people waiting to pay their respects

quiet days and especially late at night. But the death of a monarch, and the solemn commemoration of it, that might measure up.

Anyway, there I was in Southwark Park at 2pm, crazily putting myself at the mercy of whatever fiendish mind devised the system of queueing for the lying-in-state.

By great good luck, there was no queue for the queue when I arrived, yet I and hundreds of others were, even so, compelled to take part in a sort of Alice-in-Wonderland lunatics' quadrille.

It is hard to describe, but we were forced by rows of fences to walk at speed back and forth more than 20 times over a piece of ground we could have crossed in 30 seconds. This is officially known

as 'zig-zagging' but it is not. Zig-zagging would have been much more sensible, as it would at least have involved some serious forward motion.

As it was, the system, having begun by making us walk even further away from Westminster than we already were, now compelled us to get there as if we were crustaceans, or some other creature which enjoys going sideways.

Every time we appeared to be making good progress, we would

be urged into another of these peculiar corrals, trudging up and down past each other, in opposite directions, seeing the same faces over and over again. (Who was the woman with silver stars painted on her face? I must have passed her at least 60 times. But too fast to start a conversation.)

Whether they were trying to waste our time or to exhaust us into weary submission, I have no idea, but at least it helped to bond me with the small group

of companion pilgrims with whom I was destined to spend the next 11 hours.

Thank heavens for them, a delightful reminder of how many sensible, funny, knowledgeable, helpful people we have in this country; the sort who somehow never seem to get near the seats of power. The pleasure of their company made the long hours of marching, trudging and simply standing about pass far more quickly than I could have imagined.

## We laughed at ourselves and each other

I hardly found time to read the books I had brought with me.

We laughed a lot, as British people do, at ourselves and each other and at the absurdity of life. We gave each other food, bought coffee and tea for each other, sniggered as we were yet again barked at by some fluorescent patrolman or patrolwoman to 'keep to the right', as if it even mattered slightly.

We would all have got there quite easily without any of this bossiness, and much quicker, too. I can say now it is all over that the wristband I was compelled to wear — supposedly the key to getting into the Houses of Parliament — was never once properly examined by any of the 'security' staff.

At one point, as we were being force-marched between fences yet again, I said to my companions that I had completely forgotten what I had come there for, and

they agreed. Soon afterwards, I wondered if I had in fact died and gone to Hell, which I have always thought was the origin of all bureaucracy, queueing and jobsworthery. Surely a modern Hell is far more likely to involve being in a queue where your destination never gets any closer, than a place of medieval demons and unquenchable fire?

And yet it was a day of great beauty, with the tide at full flood and the Thames looking as lovely as I have seen it in my life, in the heartbreaking light of late September that conjures up memory more than any other sort of weather.

And every so often we would all pause and consider our object; remember why we had come. Mainly it was because we knew we would not afterwards be able to bear it if we had not done so. Whether it was pilgrimage, demonstration or mourning I am not sure, but it was a privilege to be part of it.

And then at last, at around 12.40 am, all 'security' was at an end. There were no more barking officials, just the silent courtesy of Westminster's own frock-coated guardians, guiding us gently and without a word into the final splendour.

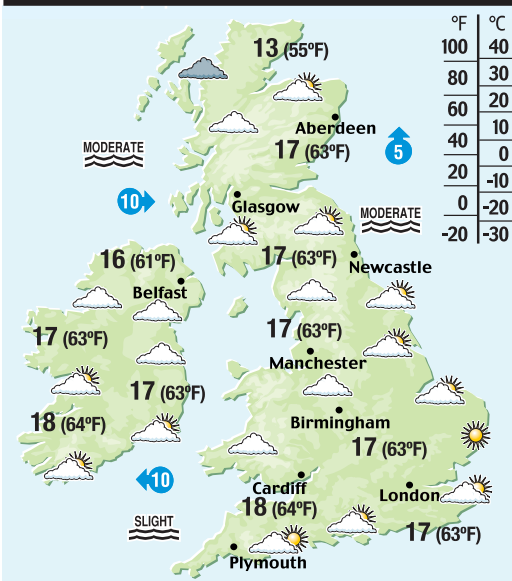
Did I see, or much care about, the crown, the orb and sceptre? Could I follow the elaborate steel ballet of the changing of the guard around the catafalque which I was privileged to see? Not really.

I saw instead the glory of nations and their passing, the majesty of death and its inevitability, the distillation of 1,000 years of kingship, still astonishingly alive in an age that neither understands nor much likes it. And I held my breath, bowed my head, crossed myself and walked out into the peaceful night with one backward glance.

*The company of my fellow pilgrims made the hours pass far more quickly*



# Weather

Go to: [dailymail.co.uk/weather](https://dailymail.co.uk/weather) for UK and world 5 day forecast

## Summary: Variable cloud

**UK TODAY:** Cloudy in the northern half of the UK with patchy rain in the far north-west. Drier and brighter further south with sunshine and variable amounts of cloud. The odd light shower later on. Max 20c.

## Today's weather

	9am	12noon	3pm	6pm	9pm
London	12c	16c	17c	17c	15c
Plymouth	13c	17c	18c	17c	14c
Cardiff	13c	16c	17c	16c	14c
B'ham	12c	15c	17c	16c	14c
M'chester	12c	15c	16c	15c	13c
Newcastle	9c	13c	15c	14c	11c
Glasgow	12c	15c	17c	16c	13c
Aberdeen	8c	12c	13c	12c	11c
Belfast	12c	15c	16c	16c	14c

## 5 day forecast

	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
London	19c	21c	22c	19c	18c
Plymouth	19c	18c	18c	18c	17c
Cardiff	19c	19c	19c	18c	18c
B'ham	19c	19c	18c	17c	16c
M'chester	17c	19c	17c	16c	16c
Newcastle	17c	18c	17c	16c	15c
Glasgow	17c	18c	16c	15c	15c
Aberdeen	17c	17c	17c	15c	13c
Belfast	18c	18c	16c	15c	15c

## Yesterday

	24 hours to 6pm	Sun (hrs)	Rain (ins)	Temp (min)	Temp (max)
Edinburgh	0.0	0.00	10	15	
Glasgow	2.6	0.00	10	18	
Hull	1.7	0.00	10	16	
Ipswich	2.9	0.00	7	17	
Leeds	4.4	0.00	8	16	
Lincoln	3.1	0.00	8	17	
London	5.7	0.00	8	18	
Manchester	4.8	0.03	9	16	
Southampton	8.5	0.00	8	18	
St Andrews	1.7	0.01	10	13	
Stornoway	0.1	0.00	10	14	

Information supplied by MeteoGroup

## Moon and Sun

MOON rises: 11.55pm, sets: 4.55pm  
 Sun rises: 6.41am, sets: 7.06pm  
 Manchester rises: 6.49am, sets: 7.15pm  
 HIGH TIDE London Bridge: 8.58pm  
 Liverpool: 6.49pm

**Extremes** (24 hrs to 6pm y'day)  
**Warmest:** Pershore, Worcestershire, 21c (70f). **Coldest:** Exeter, Devon, 1c (34f). **Wettest:** Altnaharra, Sutherland, 0.28ins. **Sunniest:** Plymouth, Devon, 9.7hrs.

## Europe forecast

	today	c f	tomorrow	c f
Geneva	sun	17 63	sun	18 64
Lisbon	thunder	29 84	thunder	27 81
Madrid	fair	28 82	sun	29 84
Paris	sun	18 64	cloudy	19 66
Rome	fair	25 77	sun	26 79

## Around the world yesterday

	weather	c f		weather	c f		weather	c f
Algiers	Fair	29 84	Florence	Sunny	22 72	New Delhi	Fair	32 90
Amsterdam	Showers	13 55	Geneva	Sunny	15 59	New York	Fair	21 70
Athens	Sunny	32 90	Gibraltar	Cloudy	23 73	Nice	Sunny	24 75
Auckland	Cloudy	16 61	Guernsey	Sunny	15 59	Oslo	Sunny	15 59
Bahrain	Sunny	40 104	Helsinki	Cloudy	13 55	Palma	Sunny	27 81
Barcelona	Fair	25 77	Hong Kong	Fair	33 91	Paris	Sunny	19 66
Basra	Sunny	40 104	Innsbruck	Showers	11 52	Perth	Fair	20 68
Beijing	Fair	27 81	Istanbul	Thunder	28 82	Prague	Fair	13 55
Beirut	Fair	29 84	Jersey	Fair	18 64	Rhodes	Sunny	28 82
Belfast	Cloudy	14 57	Larnaca	Sunny	32 90	Riga	Fair	14 57
Belgrade	Fair	18 64	Las Palmas	Cloudy	24 75	Rome	Sunny	25 77
Berlin	Showers	15 59	Lisbon	Sunny	28 82	Singapore	Showers	24 75
Biarritz	Sunny	21 70	London	Fair	16 61	Stockholm	Fair	14 57
Brisbane	Fair	25 77	Los Angeles	Fair	24 75	Strasbourg	Fair	16 61
Brussels	Sunny	14 57	Luxor	Sunny	35 95	Sydney	Sunny	21 70
Bucharest	Sunny	20 68	Madrid	Sunny	26 79	Tangier	Fair	30 86
Budapest	Cloudy	14 57	Malaga	Sunny	28 82	Tel Aviv	Fair	30 86
Cairo	Fair	30 86	Malta	Sunny	29 84	Tenerife	Fair	28 82
Cape Town	Sunny	16 61	Melbourne	Cloudy	14 57	Tokyo	Rain	26 79
Casablanca	Fair	25 77	Mexico City	Fair	21 70	Toronto	Cloudy	22 72
Copenhagen	Showers	14 57	Miami	Thunder	31 88	Tunis	Sunny	28 82
Corfu	Sunny	24 75	Milan	Sunny	23 73	Vancouver	Fair	16 61
Dubai	Fair	37 99	Montreal	Cloudy	17 63	Venice	Sunny	18 64
Dublin	Fair	16 61	Moscow	Fair	15 59	Vienna	Showers	15 59
Dubrovnik	Sunny	20 68	Mumbai	Showers	26 79	Warsaw	Cloudy	12 54
Faro	Sunny	28 82	Nairobi	Cloudy	19 66	Wellington	Fair	16 61

# ELIZABETH R 1926-2022

He's travelled the length and breadth of his new kingdom – covering a breathtaking 1,900 miles – since his beloved mother died. Here we chart...

# Charles's first ten gruelling days as the King



by **INDERDEEP BAINS**

Deputy Chief Reporter

OVER the past ten days King Charles III has led the country in mourning and travelled some 1,900 miles as the new monarch – all while grieving his 'darling mama'.

His demanding schedule has seen him journey from castle to cathedral, and walkabout to reception, in more than 30 engagements across the land since the Queen's death.

And even yesterday as he prepared to bury his mother, the King was working until the last moment on the eve of her funeral.

After holding meetings with Prime Minister Liz Truss and leaders of the realms, His Majesty last night hosted a huge official state reception at Buckingham Palace. He welcomed world leaders and foreign royals who had arrived to pay their respects to the late Queen.

Accompanied by senior working royals, His Majesty hosted VIPS including US President Joe Biden and Canadian premier Justin Trudeau late into the evening. It was the last of his engagements ahead of the funeral.

Those engagements were laid out long ago in a detailed ten-day plan for the aftermath of the Queen's death. Code-named London Bridge, the operation featured dozens of events marking the farewell to the Queen as well as the King's accession to the throne.

Little could have prepared the King for such an emotional and exhausting schedule. The past week has seen His Majesty dash around on a tour through Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, accompa-

nied by Camilla, the Queen Consort. In between his duties as the new monarch, he has led the Royal Family in honouring the Queen in a string of ceremonial events watched by the world.

The meticulously-timed strategy was put into action with the words 'London Bridge is down' when the Queen died on September 8.

Charles rushed some 150 miles from Dumfries House in Cumnock to Balmoral to be by his mother's side in the precious

**Sept 9 London:** Viewing the tributes outside Buckingham Palace the day after the Queen's death



moments before she passed away. With little time to reflect, the very next day he was in London to meet the Prime Minister before being proclaimed King.

He then flew to Edinburgh to lead his siblings in a poignant funeral procession along the Royal Mile, followed by a service and vigil. Here he began his tour of the nations visiting Scottish Parliament, meeting the First Minister and attending a reception.

The next day, accompanied by the





**Sept 12 Edinburgh:** Leading the vigil at St Giles' Cathedral



**Sept 13 Northern Ireland:** Greeted by members of the public including a woman with a pet corgi named Connie



**Sept 17 London:** Chatting with people in the queue near Lambeth Bridge to see the Queen lying in state

## HIS MAJESTY'S RELENTLESS SCHEDULE AS HE MOURNED HIS MOTHER

**1 Sept 8** The then Prince of Wales rushed more than 150 miles from Dumfries House in Cumnock to Balmoral to be by his mother's side as she passed away.

**2 Sept 9** His Majesty then travelled from Aberdeen airport to London to meet Liz Truss at Buckingham Palace.

**3 Sept 10** Charles III is proclaimed King at St James's Palace. He later hosts the Archbishop of Canterbury at Buckingham Palace.

**4 Sept 11** Remains at the Palace where he hosts high commissioners from the Commonwealth.

**5 Sept 12** He attends engagements at Westminster Hall before travelling to Edinburgh airport. From here he drives to the Palace of Holyroodhouse where he takes part in the procession along the Royal Mile and the thanksgiving service at St Giles'.

He later drives to Scottish Parliament to meet the first minister

and attend a reception. Later that evening he returns to lead the vigil over the Queen's coffin at St Giles'.

**6 Sept 13** The King leaves Edinburgh for Belfast where he is driven to Hillsborough Castle.

Engagements include meeting leaders, a walkabout and attending a reception. Returns to RAF Northolt in time to meet the Queen's coffin after it arrives by air.

**7 Sept 14** Leads foot procession from

Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall.

Attends service followed by vigil with siblings.

Travels to Highgrove in Gloucestershire.

**8 Sept 15** Day of rest.

**9 Sept 16** Travels to Cardiff via helicopter from Highgrove to conclude tour of nations visiting Llandaff Cathedral and Welsh Parliament.

**10 Sept 17** Back in London to greet mourners in the queue.



Queen Consort, he embarked on the second leg of the tour, flying to Belfast airport.

He was driven to Hillsborough Castle to meet Northern Ireland's leaders before rushing back to London in time to receive the Queen's coffin, which landed at RAF Northolt at 7pm on Tuesday.

The next day in London's first big ceremonial event, King Charles led the Royal Family in a public dis-

play of homage to the late Queen during a majestic procession.

Watched the world over, the new monarch marched behind her coffin followed by his siblings and his sons, delivering his mother to the care of the nation for four days lying-in-state.

On the seventh day, a break from the demanding ceremonial events was set aside in Operation London Bridge to give the monarch a

moment of pause. While the King did retire to Highgrove House in Gloucestershire on Wednesday night, he spent his brief respite from public duties working on relations with world leaders.

He devoted most of Thursday to speaking with more than eight presidents and governor generals and was said to have made calls late into the evening.

The next day he quickly resumed

public duties with his crucial first visit to Wales as King on Friday. Travelling to Cardiff via helicopter from Highgrove he visited Llandaff Cathedral and Welsh Parliament before returning to London.

The Archbishop of Canterbury last week paid tribute to King Charles's 'extraordinary courage' in the wake of the Queen's death.

The Most Rev Justin Welby said the average person would find ful-

filling such duties unfathomable after losing a parent. He added: 'The courage of him doing that is extraordinary but also it demonstrates his... service to the people.'

One source close to the King told the Daily Mail: 'The last few days have blown even us away. His stamina has been astonishing and the fact that he has been able to do it all while grieving his mother is just remarkable. He is a fine man.'



# Daily Mail

## COMMENT

### Last sad farewell for a truly global Queen

IT IS fashionable among the liberal elite to depict Britain as a country of waning power and influence, sliding inexorably into the wings of the world stage.

This miserabilist movement, with Labour and the BBC inevitably at its vanguard, claims the UK is a spent force – a sickly international actor living off memories of its imperial past. The extraordinary global reaction to Queen Elizabeth II's death has exposed that notion as pure bunkum.

If Britain truly is slipping into irrelevance, why is the late monarch being near-universally mourned? If we are merely some dwindling second-rate state, how come the world's leaders have flocked to London to attend her state funeral today?

The greatest gathering of kings, queens, presidents and prime ministers ever seen will join the 2,000-strong congregation for the solemn service in Westminster Abbey.

Royalist or republican, democrat or despot, every head of state has been clamouring for invitations. Inclusion is a mark of international status.

The impact of Her Majesty's passing is seismic. The global grieving has easily eclipsed that which accompanied the deaths of such towering international figures as Winston Churchill, John F Kennedy and Nelson Mandela.

The reality, invariably overlooked by those who delight in running the country down, is that the Queen is revered across the planet – from the tiny Pitcairn Islands to the sands of Arabia. Her long reign reads like a travelogue. She visited more than 100 countries and hosted upwards of 150 state visits – a successful, often history-making, exercise in diplomacy and 'soft power'.

To many around the world, the Queen's core values – duty, responsibility, self-discipline and self-sacrifice – are indivisible from those that Britain represents.

A predicted global TV audience of four billion will watch her funeral – around half the planet's population. That is testament to the huge esteem held overseas for our monarchy, traditions and principles.

Whatever the naysayers claim, Britain punches well above its weight geopolitically, economically and culturally.

To Ukraine, who we have given military and financial support in their existential battle against Russia, or the flood-ravaged people of Pakistan, where we have sent vast amounts of aid to help them rebuild, this country is anything but an irrelevance.

In their eyes and those of countless other nations, we remain a shining beacon of hope, democracy, freedom and friendship.

But today the curtain falls on the Elizabethan Age. We will say a final, sorrowful farewell to the only monarch most of us have ever known.

Up to two million will line the streets of London for perhaps the most spellbinding spectacle in this island's recent history.

The magnificent pomp and pageantry of the ceremonies will surely take the breath away of even the most cynical republican.

This will be a fitting farewell for a monarch who guided the nation through 70 turbulent years with deftness, courage and wisdom.

More than any of her predecessors, she won her subjects' hearts through unflinching hard work and quiet, sober simplicity.

That has been reflected in the remarkable stream of humanity that has braved long queues and chilly weather to pay tribute at her lying-in-state. Also in the impeccably observed minute's silence last night.

Amid all the splendour and majesty of the occasion, however, it is important not to forget that a family is bereaved.

King Charles said in a poignant message last night that he was 'moved beyond measure' by the outpouring of grief and affection for his 'dear mother'. It had, he said, been a 'support and comfort'.

His first days as sovereign have – fountain pen mishaps aside – been pitch-perfect. If he follows his mother's example in the future, he'll be a worthy successor indeed.

# Look at all the leaders at today's funeral and try telling me we're the paltry little country our bien pensant detractors would have us believe

**S**O THE day has come. A day of mourning and sadness. But also of hope.

It's reckoned that about four billion people will tune into the Queen's funeral. Tens of millions of Britons will watch the proceedings in Westminster Abbey, the procession, and the committal in Windsor.

The pomp and ceremony will move countless hearts. This is a State occasion, which will probably surpass in solemnity and magnificence Winston Churchill's funeral in 1965. But it is also a Christian service for a deeply Christian monarch.

Who could have dreamt less than a fortnight ago that it would turn out like this? For it seems to me that in the days following Queen Elizabeth's death one myth after another has been exploded.

Today the received wisdom that Britain is an entirely secular country will be challenged. Even people who don't regard themselves as religious may feel themselves touched by the sacred and divine.

## Honouring

The myth that people have no time for pageantry in a utilitarian age has also been confounded. The processions, music, uniforms and meticulous marching have helped to re-connect us to a largely forgotten past, and to revive our sense of nationhood.

How they must be gritting their teeth in the progressive fiefdoms of our land! There will be forlorn faces in parts of the BBC (though our State broadcaster has, almost despite itself, provided outstanding coverage), in many of our universities, at enlightened newspapers, and in Corbynista strongholds. It wasn't meant to be like this.

Another commonplace trumpeted by our largely left-intelligentsia is that post-imperial Britain is a small island, rendered even more irrelevant by the supposed idiocies of Brexit. That preconception has also been routed by the events of recent days.

Would four billion people – or whatever the number may be – interrupt their routines to watch the obsequies of the



by Stephen Glover

monarch of an insignificant country, however singular and long-lived she might have been? I don't think so.

Look at the presidents, monarchs, prime ministers and emperors who have flown from all corners of the world for today's funeral. Of course they are honouring the Queen, but they are also acknowledging the importance of the country over which she ruled.

I don't want to sound vainglorious but I don't believe the death of a distinguished monarch in any other European nation – and there are several – would attract so huge a throng of respectful leaders.

Another piece of accepted wisdom shoved down our throats is that the United Kingdom is inevitably fracturing. Here I shall be cautious since I certainly don't believe that the Queen's death has miraculously restored old bonds which Westminster, and other, politicians have done much to loosen.

But the mourning in all four nations of the Kingdom has been heartfelt. In Scotland, which is allegedly on an inexorable path to independence, the Queen's death was felt quite as deeply as in England.

In most of Scotland, the Queen was evidently regarded as their sovereign, not an import from south of the border. This, of course, is correct since the union of the two crowns pre-dates by more than 100 years the political union of the two countries.

Granted, there have been a few discordant voices. There was a smattering of anti-monarchist jeers among Dundee United fans on Saturday at a football match against Rangers, a team regarded as staunchly unionist.

Yesterday some Celtic fans (whose club is often identified

with Irish republicanism) unveiled a banner that was offensive to the Royal Family before a Scottish Premiership game against St Mirren. There are thugs and halfwits everywhere.

The fact remains that the monarchy is one institution that remains genuinely British. It has enormous power to hold us together despite the efforts of the likes of First Minister Nicola Sturgeon to tear us apart. I am sure King Charles understands this very well.

No, what has happened over the past few days suggests to me that Britain isn't the irrevocably broken, paltry little country that its *bien pensant* detractors would have us believe. Alas, some sensible people may have been influenced against their own better judgment by this false depiction.

Look instead at the tens of thousands who have waited for up to 20 hours to catch a fleeting glimpse of the Queen's coffin in Westminster Hall. How often are such people taken account of by elites who have been adept at seizing hold of our national narrative?

## Patriotic

Doubtless there were tourists and others in what may have been the world's longest queue who wanted to be present when history was made, and good luck to them.

But I suspect that most of them were patriotic Britons, of all ages and from many diverse communities, who were united in their love for the Queen, and their respect for the monarchy. I noticed many crossed themselves on passing the coffin.

As I say, enlightened types may have been quietly cursing over the past ten days – too wary, for the most part, to express their distaste on the

national stage just now – as their version of Britain has been challenged by events.

They will of course be back with their noisy certainties once today's affecting scenes have passed and begin to fade in the public mind. But will they be so powerful in the foreseeable future?

There is a final myth which I think will be undermined by the Queen's funeral and the service in Windsor. This is that we live in an utterly godless society. Admittedly, it's not a belief confined to the progressive intelligentsia.

Much has been written in recent days about the Queen's sense of duty. What has perhaps been partly missed is the source of her lifelong service. For her it was undoubtedly God.

## Grief

This is what the Queen said in one Christmas broadcast, and it was surely written by her own hand: 'For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.'

Some critics may scoff at the idea that a hugely rich woman with several palaces at her disposal could really follow the teachings of Jesus, who said that it was easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

But she could, and she did, because she wasn't corrupted by great riches, which I think was the danger Christ was warning against. She used her worldly position to bring about the innumerable 'small acts of goodness' to which she referred in another Christmas message.

She was fallible and human, of course she was, but she set out to live the Christian life. And that, I hope, will be what she hands on in her funeral today. My own grief will be partly stemmed by the thought that such a devout person can have had little fear of death.

Tomorrow will be another day. Life will appear to return to its rough-and-ready self. But, in more ways than one, Queen Elizabeth's death has taught us to look at ourselves in another way.

**DOMINIC LAWSON IS AWAY**



by JANE  
FRYER

**W**ITH the state funeral of our beloved Queen upon us, King Charles and his fractured family will be bracing themselves for one more show of solidarity. A united front before the cameras. A new beginning, we all hope and pray, for the House of Windsor.

Which is more than can be hoped for the beleaguered Spanish royal family, for whom the funeral has caused a right old logistical hoo-ha.

In short: King Juan Carlos I — Spain's disgraced former monarch who abdicated in 2014 and, since 2020, has been living in the UAE in self-imposed exile under a cloud of shame — has accepted an invitation to today's service. But so has his estranged son and successor, King Felipe VI, and his wife Queen Letizia.

Which all presents more than just a tricky seating arrangement issue for those in charge at Westminster Abbey. Indeed, an eyebrow or two has been raised at the decision to invite Juan Carlos at all, regardless of his status as distant cousin of the late Queen.

The 84-year-old former king has spent the past few years steeped in scandals involving everything from a tax rumpus to accepting kickbacks, accusations of embezzlement and rumours of *extremely* energetic philandering.

Even now, he's limbering up for a hearing in London's High Court, where he's being sued by a former mistress, the impossibly glamorous blonde German-Danish aristocrat Corinna zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn, 58, who claims he intimidated and threatened her in the hope of persuading her to return a £50million 'gift'. Something he strenuously denies.

On top of that, a new three-part HBO Max series — *Saving The King* — has just been aired, involving more than 50 first-person interviews with journalists, politicians, ex-secret agents and an ex-lover.

And, from the looks of it, they all reveal far more than Juan Carlos would like about his lust for money, power, big game hunting and, perhaps most of all, women.

**T**AKE his longish-term relationship with the late Queca Campillo, a beautiful Spanish photographer. They met on a job, he phoned later that evening saying simply, 'Do you know who I am?', and that was that.

Not that it was always easy — after all, he's been married to Queen Sofia since 1962.

'We had nowhere to meet,' explains Queca in recorded material. 'So I'd go to the back entrance of the royal residence [the Zarzuela Palace] and meet in a car — in a van they had.' In the back of a van! With the king!?

Undoubtedly, there were a LOT of women. Some were fleeting. Others were more meaningful. Notable amongst them: an encounter with Maria Gabriella of Savoy, daughter of the last king of Italy; and Liliane Sartiau, a Belgian governess whose daughter later claimed to be his. While just weeks after he was crowned king of Spain, in 1975, his wife reportedly walked in on him in a highly compromising position with Spanish actress and singer, Sara Montiel.

But this was just the tip of the

sexual iceberg. In his book, *Juan Carlos I: The King Of 5,000 Lovers*, Spanish author Amadeo Martinez Ingles claims the king had 62 lovers in a one six-month stint alone and, during his 'passionate period', between 1976 and 1994, slept with 2,154 women.

Most shocking, in evidence given to a parliamentary hearing in 2021, ex-police chief Jose Manuel Villarejo claimed that the former king had been given testosterone blockers by the Spanish secret service after his libido was categorised as a 'state problem'.

If philandering had been his *only* fault, however, the Spanish people might have been able to simply put it down to him being a sex addict and turn a blind eye.

But the murky financial dealings

that later emerged — and are covered in the HBO series in forensic detail — were just too much.

There was also a corruption investigation over vast sums of money gifted by Saudi Arabia, all sloshing around in obscure Swiss bank accounts, but the case was eventually dropped. His daughter's husband, Inaki Urdangarin, was sentenced to almost six years in prison on charges including graft, tax evasion, and embezzlement.

Not forgetting those horrible — and horribly expensive — big-game

hunting trips he loved so much. He particularly enjoyed shooting bears — in 2004, he killed nine in central Romania, one of which was pregnant. But it was an elephant-shooting trip in Botswana, in 2012, accompanied by his lover, that eventually did for him.

The trip only became public after he broke his hip and had to be flown home for treatment. Officials were at pains to insist that the estimated £35,000 cost of the trip had not been met by the taxpayer, but by Mohamed

*Public funds were dished out to the king's disgruntled lovers*



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Tricky: Juan Carlos with the late Queen in Spain. Inset, his ex-lover Corinna

*As Spain's former monarch is sued by an ex-mistress over a £50m 'gift', after tax scandals and affairs with thousands of lovers...*

# Disgraced KING OF THE SEDUCERS who'll be raising eyebrows in the Abbey today

Eyad Kayali, a Syrian-Spanish businessman.

Yet the damage was done — the cost was twice the average salary in Spain at a time of terrible recession and 50 per cent unemployment among the young. And the ensuing backlash marked the end of any leeway he'd been given by the media.

Two years later, to save the monarchy and citing personal reasons, he abdicated in favour of his son, who acceded to the throne as Felipe VI — taking an unkind swipe at Prince Charles on the way out.

'We do not want my son to wither waiting like Prince Charles,' snapped the departing King.

The shame, of course, is that Juan Carlos could have gone down in history as a great leader and visionary. In the early days of his reign, he had been revered for his role in the country's transition to democracy and restoring the monarchy, overseeing a period of change and development for Spain.

**B**UT his need for power, money and women got the better of him.

He'd been born in exile in Italy where his grandfather Alfonso XIII had fled in 1931 and only arrived in Spain when he was nine years old and Franco was in power. Back then, there were no great riches or fancy trappings.

He was also a bit of a loner, struggled with dyslexia and was ostracised from his family after killing his younger brother, Alfonso, 14, in 1956, in a shocking accident with a revolver.

Two days after making him swear on his country that he hadn't done it on purpose, his father Don Juan sent him back to an

austere military academy. Their relationship never really recovered.

Ambitious and focused, he secretly courted Franco and leapfrogged his father to the throne. Not one of his immediate family attended his 1975 coronation.

Perhaps it was little wonder, then, that he wanted nothing more than financial security and physical company.

At first, it all looked so promising. He was fantastically popular. Spain was on the up, with a massive boom in tourism and construction and, after they joined the Common Market, investment.

Which is perhaps why no one bothered to question how, despite an apparent lack of assets — royal estates, palaces and art collections

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CLARENCE HOUSE

Comfortable: King and Queen Consort's current London abode

**H**IS succession from heir to the throne to monarch has happened at lightning speed. But one issue will take a little longer to resolve: just where will King Charles III live?

Traditionally, moving up to the top job means a corresponding rise up the property ladder. And in Charles's case it should mean moving in to Buckingham Palace, the headquarters of the British monarchy.

But where to live is by no means his only dilemma. He will also have to choose what to do about the many royal residences now at his disposal, which could be the most delicate of decisions in these early days of the new reign.

Central to the King's thinking is the need to strike a balance between cost against the importance of keeping this extraordinary portfolio of palaces, castles and country houses truly 'royal' by ensuring they are used. For Charles, the matter has to also reflect his avowed intention to slim down the monarchy.

Inevitably, his success in doing that may be judged alongside any equivalent reduction in the number of Royal Family homes. So who are the likely winners — and losers — in what courtiers waspishly refer to as 'Game of Homes': a royal version of musical chairs?

It was only a few months ago that the then-Prince of Wales let it be known that as King he would live at Buckingham Palace. It was intriguing that it even needed to be said, but then uncertainty has long hovered over his plans.

Unquestionably, he has never much liked the place, complaining that it was too large, too impersonal and too draughty.

This opened the prospect of Charles becoming the first monarch since King William IV not to live 'over the shop'.

As a bachelor, Charles had quarters there before moving to Kensington Palace after marriage to Princess Diana, followed by an apartment at St James's Palace on their separation, then settling at Clarence House, the home he inherited from his grandmother the Queen Mother and where he now lives with Queen Consort Camilla.

**R**ETURNING to the 775-room Palace may not necessarily appeal, but as an aide explained: 'He is firmly of the view that it is the most distinct symbol of the monarchy in the heart of the nation's capital and therefore it must be his home.'

He also thinks it would be strange to have Buckingham Palace without royals living there.

The absence of a live-in monarch would surely raise questions about the purpose of the daily Changing of the Guard ceremony, which is one of the biggest tourist attractions in London.

'What would be the point of putting on such a colourful



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spectacle for an empty building?' added the aide. Even so, it says much about Charles' antipathy to the place that questions about whether or not he will choose to sleep there are swirling even now.

It has been suggested he would prefer to keep the much smaller Clarence House, which he and Camilla have turned into a comfortable home, while using the Palace as a working base and for banquets, receptions, garden parties and investitures.

In other words, it would be treated as the 'office' and he would commute there each day up The Mall. Supporting this theory is the fact that Charles is also keen on opening the Palace more to the public. Would he really wish to live like some stately home owners are forced to — with the sound of paying visitors traipsing around?

One factor that may delay any proposed move is that Buckingham Palace is midway through a ten-year, £369million taxpayer-funded renovation and living among a building site is not a prospect the 73-year old King is looking forward to.

What is certain is that as monarch, Charles will pioneer new living arrangements that won't follow the familiar pattern set down by his mother: weekdays at the Palace, weekends at Windsor Castle and holidays at Sandringham and Balmoral.

In addition to these historic properties, he has inherited Wood Farm

*Could Harry and Meghan lose Frogmore? Will Andrew be turfed out of Royal Lodge? Will Charles ever move into Buck House? And does ANYONE want Highgrove...*

# Who'll get what in the monarchy's PALACE merry go round?

on the Sandringham estate and Craigowan Lodge on Royal Deeside. They add to an impressively large number of homes already under his control. Apart from Clarence House, they include Highgrove, his family home near Tetbury in Gloucestershire, and his adored Scottish retreat, Birkhall, on the Balmoral estate.

He has described the stone-clad lodge, which also passed to him after the death of his grandmother, as 'a unique haven of cosiness and character'. But its real charm lies in its grounds, bordering the River Muick, which he has transformed into a peaceful sanctuary.

Then there is the Castle of Mey in Caithness — another of his grand-

mother's former boltholes where he likes to spend ten days each summer, Dumfries House, the Palladian mansion in Ayrshire he saved for the nation, Llwynywermod, his Welsh cottage and an estate in Romania.

So what will happen to these homes and how and to whom will he divvy them up?

The destiny of Windsor Castle, for 1,000 years the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and the home of Britain's royalty, is the most intriguing.

It is said Charles does not like the castle and finds it too noisy: it lies under the flight path for Heathrow airport. That was not always the case: as a child he loved exploring

its ancient rooms, accompanied by the Queen Mother who told him the history of the treasures and artworks they displayed.

For many years he kept away because he considered it his late father's domain and it brought back difficult memories. But, after the Queen's health went into decline last year, he began dropping in regularly to see her, sometimes staying in his old suite of rooms in the Edward Tower, the most out of the way part of the ancient castle.

There has been a suggestion that he is planning to let William and Kate live there.

However, that will not happen immediately as the new Prince and Princess of Wales have only just



SANDRINGHAM

Room to grow: Charles is developing an organic farm on the Norfolk estate



WINDSOR CASTLE

Intriguing: It is said His Majesty does not like Windsor and may give it to William





## HIGHGROVE

**Sentimental value: Charles developed his love of gardening at Highgrove but Camilla is not very attached, seeing it as Diana's house**

settled into their own home in Windsor, Adelaide Cottage.

For a man who knows that if the monarchy is to flourish in the 21st century, it can't be seen to be too ostentatious, this represents an indecently large collection of homes. Of one thing we can be certain — Charles simply will not have the time to travel between so many different houses in such distant parts of his new kingdom.

His most sentimental attachment is to Highgrove, which was purchased from Tory MP and publishing chief Maurice Macmillan on his behalf by the Duchy of Cornwall.

During the early years of his marriage to Diana it was their weekend home, but the Princess never returned after their separation in 1992. It is where Charles developed his love of gardening, with a stunning transformation of the

neglected grounds. It always saddened him that neither William nor Harry share his love of horticulture nor expressed any interest in taking the house on.

And in the absence of their interest he had begun exploring an alternative solution. One plan, which was being masterminded by his former valet Michael Fawcett — forced to quit over the cash-for-honours scandal — was to turn Highgrove into an English version of Dumfries House.

It was to be run by the Prince's Foundation and open to the public with Charles using it for five weeks or so each year — and paying rent for the privilege.

The idea seems unlikely to come to pass, as the Duchy is now under the control of William who would have the final say on what happened to Highgrove. (As Prince

of Wales, he is technically his father's landlord.) Camilla, who has her own home in Wiltshire, is said to be less attached to Highgrove. According to her biographer Penny Junor, she would 'not be sad to see Highgrove go... It is Diana's house. It is not hers.'

This is an irony that will not be lost on old friends of the late Princess of Wales. She hated Highgrove for the same reason: she considered it Camilla's.

Indeed, after the couple parted, Charles had the entire interior ripped out and redecorated.

'Not much of the Princess of Wales remains there today, I can tell you,' says an old friend.

Meanwhile the King intends to keep Birkhall as his main retreat in Scotland. Its peaceful location has played an important part in helping Charles through many domestic

crises. It is also where he and Camilla spent their honeymoon. This could mean a radical change for Balmoral Castle, the royals' main home on Deeside and where the Queen died on September 8.

One idea that has been floated is that the King is considering handing the castle over to the nation to celebrate the memory of his late mother. This, however, could put him at loggerheads with his siblings and their families, who have grown used to having the castle at their disposal.

But as a courtier cautioned: 'They can take nothing for granted. Just because the Queen did it this way does not mean the King will.'

As for Sandringham, Charles intends to use it himself. The house was quietly handed over to him to run — he is developing an organic farm there — some time ago. Prince



## BALMORAL

**Radical plan: King is considering handing castle over to the nation**

Harry's exile has added to the complications. At one stage, Charles considered transferring Clarence House to his younger son.

Now, if he does indeed move into Buckingham Palace he may either use it to display the Royal Collection and open it to the public or place it in mothballs for Prince George for when his grandson comes of age in 2034.

Other properties may be simpler to allocate. The cottage in Wales may be handed to William, while the retreat in Romania, which is run as a guesthouse, will probably be quietly sold.

As monarch, Charles effectively is master of all properties on the royal estates. These include the grace-and-favour residences let to old retainers, and the apartments in Kensington Palace and St James's Palace housing his royal cousins and other relatives.

But there is one home about which there is more speculation than most — Royal Lodge, Prince Andrew's grand, Grade-II listed pile in Windsor Great Park.

**W**ITHOUT the protection of the Queen, many will wonder just how long he can remain there. Once the weekend retreat of the Queen Mother — it was where she died in 2002 — the 30-room house on which he has a 75-year lease has been Andrew's since selling Sunninghill Park, his former marital home.

He spent £7.5million renovating the property that was the backdrop to Princess Beatrice's 18th birthday party, where guests notoriously included sexual predators Jeffrey Epstein and Harvey Weinstein.

Elsewhere, there are other knotty problems to resolve.

Will William and Kate retain ten-bedroom Anmer Hall, on the Sandringham estate, which was a wedding gift from the Queen? With their lives now revolving around Windsor and with so many other homes potentially available, do they even need it?

And what of Frogmore Cottage? The Georgian house with the deceptively humble name was given to Harry and Meghan only for them to turn their back on Britain. Since their departure for California it has occasionally been used by Harry's cousin Princess Eugenie, her husband Jack Brooksbank and their son August.

As Charles mulls over his plans to streamline the Royal Family, might Frogmore Cottage be an early victim of that modernising zeal?

It is why this Game of Homes is set to become a new and compelling royal drama.



## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

**The office: But the Queen's former home may be too large, impersonal and draughty**



## ROYAL LODGE

**Grand: Prince Andrew's Grade II-listed home in Windsor Great Park**

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# Will Queen solve problem of fourth plinth?

IT has hosted a giant ice cream cone, a bright blue cockerel, a golden rocking horse, and even Nelson's ship in a bottle.

Now the fourth plinth at Trafalgar Square could become the site of a permanent memorial to the Queen. The plinth was to hold an equestrian statue of William IV, but remained empty due to insufficient funds.

Downing Street sources said that, after today's funeral, discussions will begin with

By **Claire Duffin**

Buckingham Palace on ways to 'permanently mark' the Queen's life of service.

These are expected to include at least one statue in London – the only full-size statue of her in the UK stands at Windsor Great Park. Other suggestions include the renaming of streets, parks, racecourses or even Heathrow airport. Some senior

politicians have said Parliament Square would be a more fitting location for a tribute. Tory MP David Jones said: 'In my view, being one of four statues in Trafalgar Square is not good enough.'

But former security minister Sir John Hayes will urge the Government to provide funding for a statue, paid for through public subscription, and said Trafalgar Square is 'the ideal place'.

# U-turn as delegation from China allowed to pay its respects

By **Kumail Jaffer**  
Political Reporter

COMMONS Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle has defended the apparent U-turn on inviting Chinese representatives to attend the Queen's lying-in-state.

Last week it was understood the delegation from Beijing would be banned from Westminster Hall in line with the Chinese ambassador's own prohibition from Parliament.

But over the weekend parliamentary officials confirmed that, while Ambassador Zheng Zeguang is still barred from the premises, the ban would not be extended to other officials.

Yesterday Sir Lindsay said that the U-turn was not 'about the politics of a moment' but the 'grief that we all share' over Her Majesty.

He insisted the ban on the Chinese ambassador would remain until sanctions are lifted.

The move comes amid an uproar from senior MPs sanctioned by China that representatives have been invited to today's funeral.

Last night Chinese vice-president Wang Qishan was seen in Westminster Hall alongside a four-strong delegation from Beijing.

He is attending as a special envoy of president Xi Jinping and will become the most senior Chinese politician to visit the UK since the pandemic.

Sir Lindsay said: 'Nobody has been leaning on me at all, far from it. My view remains the same that we would not welcome [a] reception in Parliament and that's when I stopped the ambassador and accredited Chinese from coming into the House of Commons.'

He told BBC's Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg: 'Let's be clear, to hold a reception in the House of Commons when MPs and a peer have been sanc-

tioned is not acceptable, my view remains the same and nothing has changed.

'But this is not about the politics of a moment, this is about the grief that we all share, rather than being overshadowed. But

## 'Not about politics of a moment'

as I say and I'll repeat again, the sanction against those accredited officials remains in place and will remain so.

'There is a very easy answer: Lift the sanctions and we can also then look to see whether

we should have a reception in Parliament, but this is not going to happen at the moment.'

On Saturday Conservative former leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith, one of seven British politicians sanctioned by the Chinese government, praised the Lords and Commons speakers for 'standing up and speaking out for free speech' when it was thought that the Chinese delegation was banned.

He also lamented the decision to uphold their invitation to the funeral, telling the Daily Mail: 'In the most senior church in the land, while Christians are being persecuted in Hong Kong, the people that are carrying out

the persecution are invited to attend this funeral.' Last week the sanctioned group of MPs and peers wrote to the Commons and Lords speakers saying that they were 'greatly concerned' over the invitation.

A parliamentary spokesman said: 'The head of states (or their representatives) who have been invited to attend the state funeral in Westminster Abbey are also invited to attend the lying-in-state in Westminster Hall.'

A source added that the Chinese ambassador is still not welcome on the estate while some MPs and peers remain sanctioned by Beijing.



Invited: The vice-president, centre, and his delegation in Westminster Hall yesterday

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were owned by the state — he maintained his family's increasingly opulent lifestyle. (Though his ever-deepening friendships with Middle Eastern countries were perhaps a clue.)

It helped, of course, that for decades the entire machinery of the state cleaned up after him and protected him from his own acts and scandals, the Press was gagged and, much more importantly, in Spain, the king can legally do no wrong — immune, unaccountable and inviolable.

And the richer he became, the more the lines became blurred. Public funds that should have been spent on fighting terrorism and organised crime were dished out to disgruntled lovers. More than 100 million pesetas (around £525,000 today) were paid into an offshore account for a showgirl and Spain's 1971 Miss World candidate named Barbara Rey, to keep her quiet about a long-standing romance.

She was also given a prime-time Saturday night TV show which she introduced in a tight-red corset, promising 'music, humour, artists, attractions and much more' and, later, her own cookery show.

Juan Carlos seemed to have few boundaries, discussing matters of state in bed and openly giving his opinion on the politicians of the time. He particularly loathed Jose Maria Aznar, the diminutive Prime Minister of the People's Party who was in power from 1996 to 2004, and publicly ridiculed him as 'the midget'.

Clearly, he just didn't care. He set up some lovers in grand Spanish houses and partied with others in Mallorca. And there's no question he was always poised for a quickie.

Rumour had it, he even had a pop at a 25-year-old Princess Diana. She denied anything untoward happened, but did admit that, while he was 'charming', he could be a 'little too attentive'.

**A**MONG the few celebrities he can still count as a friend is British TV presenter Selina Scott. And, although discreet Selina has always kept quiet, the pair did reportedly have a ball during two weeks filming together for a documentary back in 1992. Last week she described him as 'a passionate man, handsome and lots of fun, with a refreshing world view'.

Amazingly, for all his appalling behaviour, in November 2005 and according to a poll in Spanish newspaper El Mundo, nearly 80 per cent of the country thought Juan Carlos was 'good or very good'.

But his popularity fell drastically soon after.

The eventual unravelling can be linked back to when he met and fell madly in love with German-Danish bombshell Corinna zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn in 2004 — who organised those fatal rare animal hunts and was close to the flashy international elite that he so loved.

She got him more involved in business and asked favours on his behalf from the uber-rich. Yet he couldn't even stay faithful to her and, in the end, she broke off the romantic side of their relationship — but, of course, still accepted the £50 million payment supposedly gifted out of 'gratitude and love' and the hope of winning her back, and which they're now arguing about.

In June 2020, Spain's Supreme Court launched an investigation into Juan Carlos's alleged involvement in a high-speed rail contract in Saudi Arabia.

While he denied any wrongdoing and insisted he was available if prosecutors needed to interview him, in August of that year, he travelled to the UAE where he has lived since.

This year, all the charges against him were dropped due to insufficient evidence and the statute of limitations. Handily, the Spanish courts ruled that he cannot be prosecuted for any action taken while he was on the throne.

But the harassment action brought in the UK court by Corinna rumbles on.

In the meantime, this rather shameless distant cousin of our late Queen will be dusting off his finery for today's final farewell where, once again, he will rub shoulders with the world's great and good.

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# Queen's pain at mourning beloved Philip in public

It's not easy, she wrote in moving letter to Archbishop

By **Isabelle Stanley**

QUEEN Elizabeth said it 'wasn't easy' to grieve her beloved husband Prince Philip so publicly, the former Archbishop of York has revealed.

In a 'wonderful' letter written just four weeks after the Duke of Edinburgh's death last year, the Queen thanked Dr John Sentamu for his flowers and prayers.

But he told the BBC that she had ended the letter by saying: 'When you are grieving someone you deeply love, it isn't easy when you have to do it in public.'

Appearing on the Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg show, Dr Sentamu added that his thoughts are now with the King and the Royal Family who are having to 'grieve publicly' and 'find a space to do it'.

Senior royals have represented the family across the country over the past fortnight with vigils, processions and walkabouts to mark



Revelation: Dr John Sentamu with the Queen, her 'strength and stay' Prince Philip and Princess Beatrice in 2012

the Queen's death. It comes just 18 months after Prince Philip's funeral when the Queen was pictured sitting alone at Windsor to adhere to coronavirus restrictions.

The Queen, who was married to the duke for 73 years, approved an eight-day period of national mourning followed by a period of private grieving as members of the family resumed their duties.

She famously described Prince

Philip as her 'strength and stay' nearly six decades after they met when she was just 13.

Dr Sentamu, who has been closely involved in organising the Queen's funeral, also said people would be 'warmed' by the state service today.

The archbishop, who served in the role from 2005 until 2020, said he'd been involved in planning the service for the past 17 years. He

added: 'The Queen does not - and did not want - what you call long, boring services. You're not going to find boredom but you're going to be lifted to glory as you hear the service.'

Although he said the funeral will still be traditional, he added: 'What you're going to expect is the best of funeral services.'

Sharing details of the service - including the use of funeral prayer

books from 1662 - he continued: 'You're going to hear this wonderful English at its best. Also you're going to hear angelic voices of the choir of [Westminster Abbey]. Voices that are singing to the glory of God.'

'The hearts and people's cockles will be warmed, but at the same time, there will be a moment of saying this is a funeral service.'

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## You just get on with it!

HM's words of advice to Kiwi PM on how to juggle being a new mother and a leader

THE QUEEN told Jacinda Ardern 'you just get on with it' when she was asked for advice on how to juggle being a mother and leader.

The New Zealand prime minister was pregnant with her only child when she met the Queen in 2018.

She became only the second elected head of government to give birth, to daughter Neve, while in office a few months later.

Speaking on the BBC's Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg show yesterday, Miss Ardern, 42, said she asked the

By **Harriet Line**  
Chief Political Correspondent

Queen how she managed being both a mother and a leader during their first meeting. She said: 'One of the things on my mind alongside being a new prime minister was being a prime minister and a mum.'

'I said to her, "How did you manage?" And I remember she said, "Well, you just get on with it". And that was actually probably the best and most factual advice I could have.'

She added: 'You do, you just take every day as it comes. And [the Queen] did. But I have such respect for her because I see now what it takes to be a mum and a leader and she did it more times over than I.'

The Queen had two children, Charles and Anne, before she acceded to the throne in 1952, before giving birth to Andrew and Edward in the 1960s as a reigning monarch.

The only other elected leader to give birth in office was former Pakistani PM, Benazir Bhutto.



Greeting: A pregnant Jacinda Ardern and Queen in 2018



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# A deep rumbling rose from 10,000 voices...

**Her coffin was brought from the Isle of Wight through an avenue of battleships. A glittering cavalry of 40 princes and dukes escorted her cortege. No wonder Queen Victoria's 1901 funeral left her distraught subjects with imperishable memories**

IT IS more than 120 years since Britain last buried a reigning Queen — and back in 1901, the impact of Queen Victoria's death on the nation was as great as 2022's outpouring of grief and respect for Elizabeth II. On the streets of London, unprecedented crowds came to pay tribute to a much-loved sovereign — in moving scenes that will be echoed in the capital today...

**A** MILLION people were preparing to make their way to the centre of London for the funeral procession of Queen Victoria, a greater crowd than had ever been known before in the capital.

Rich and poor alike, whether from smart West End homes, villas in the suburbs or city slums, all felt a compulsion to be there. They could not stay at home on the day the great Queen was to be buried. She had died a week before, aged 81, after 63 years on the throne, at Osborne House, her holiday home on the Isle of Wight.

Now, on Saturday, February 2, 1901 — designated a Day of National Mourning by the new King — her coffin would cross the Solent on the Royal Yacht Alberta, passing through an avenue of 30 battleships and cruisers, before transfer to the royal train at Portsmouth Harbour.

From there the train would slowly make its way to London, where the coffin would be carried on a gun carriage through the streets of the capital.

There would be no public lying-in-state — in her will, she had specifically ruled that out.

But there would be a two-hour window as her coffin was borne in a military procession from Victoria Station to Paddington Station,

by **Tony Rennell**

life.' Everywhere, the sense of loss was tangible. 'There are few people who are not affected by a sense of personal bereavement and regret,' the Standard told its readers. 'She has left as many mourners as she had subjects.'

The day before the funeral, thousands tramped the route from Victoria to Paddington, stopping to watch shopkeepers emptying their front windows to make way for tiers of seats or look up at workmen festooning the fronts of buildings in black and purple.

Advertisement hoardings were covered up or removed, so that no hint of commercial activity could interfere with the dignity of the occasion. The real business of the day, though, was being done by those with seats to sell.

Prices rocketed in Piccadilly. Front-row seats at 25 guineas (equivalent to £1,800 today) were all sold out and one hotel with a particularly good view along the road was said to have let out a room for a staggering £500 (£43,000 today).

IT WAS still dark on Saturday when the night horse trams brought the first Londoners from the suburbs to the centre of the capital. Mourners from other parts of the country had also arrived at the mainline stations in the middle of the night and were wandering the streets, trying to keep warm in the bitter cold.

As dawn broke, the city was



already on the move but not in its usual way. Shops and businesses stayed shut and shuttered.

There were no tradesmen's carts in the street. Instead, horse-drawn omnibuses and cabs, all crammed from top to bottom, filled the roads, alongside long lines of people walking. Many had set out on foot from their homes in the suburbs at 4am.

In Edgware Road, the morning milk cart was making its round as men and women began claiming their places, spreading rugs out on the pavement and laying out food for the day.

The high ground in Hyde Park had already been claimed and the steps and the slope around the statue of Achilles were full.

In Piccadilly, carpenters putting the finishing touches to stands and hanging purple coverings were working in their Sunday-best suits so they could join the spectators when their job was finished.

From 8am, 30,000 troops in grey greatcoats were in position lining

the route, both as a guard of honour and to hold back the crowds, which by now were already eight-deep in Hyde Park.

At railway stations on the outskirts of London, the platforms were thick with people and when the trains arrived they jammed themselves in, 16 to a carriage intended for eight. They sat on laps and hung from the straps; they stood in the guard's van.

No one complained at the inconvenience. There was little chatter and the atmosphere was quiet and contemplative. This was not an outing, it was a solemn duty.

It was not idle curiosity that drew them; they were not there to gawp. They knew they stood on a faultline in history. They were

trying to grasp this moment of change as it was happening, and be part of it.

Now the trains were pulling into Charing Cross, King's Cross, Marylebone, and the crowds spilled out on to the streets to join the throng going westward.

In Piccadilly it was impossible to find a space on the pavement after nine o'clock, and the masses pouring in were ushered down the middle of the road towards the park. But even this flow was too great and had to be stopped.

Soldiers and police formed lines across the side streets to stop the crowds coming through — but the pressure was so great that more than once the human barricades gave way. Further north, Oxford

*This would  
be the People's  
Farewell*

before being taken by train to Windsor for her funeral at St George's Chapel. This would be the People's Farewell, their last homage.

The newspapers left no one in doubt about the significance of the occasion. 'It will mark the close of an era,' said the Morning Advertiser, 'the most wonderful this nation has passed through, as the greatest Queen the world has ever known passes by to her final rest.'

The author Arthur Conan Doyle went even further, describing the Queen as 'a saint'. There were few, if any, dissenting voices. As the Times put it: 'Love of the Queen has become one of the great silent and abiding factors in our national

*Packed into Hyde Park, the crowd was swaying, 100 deep*



# 'The Queen!'



**Grieving throng: Coffin, circled, bearing Victoria, above, near Green Park, London, in 1901**

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postilions in their scarlet vests urged the eight cream-coloured horses forward and the gun-carriage swung out of the station and into the streets of London.

Behind came the new King Edward VII — his time come at last after nearly 60 years as heir to his mother's throne — mounted on a bay charger. He rode, said one

## *Men clung from trees to gain a vantage point*

observer, 'with a kingly dignity. Pale as he was, and worn, with the marks of much recent suffering and anxiety on his face, he looked like the ruler of a mighty empire, the heir of a long line of monarchs'.

Beside him was the German Kaiser, the late Queen's grandson, on a white horse, and then the King of Portugal and the King of Greece. A glittering cavalry of 40 princes and dukes followed as, with rifles and swords reversed, the great ceremonial army began its slow march through the misty morning.

Seeing was believing. All along the route, the sight of the coffin provoked a great sigh from the crowd, which sounded, wrote one reporter, like 'a strange deep whisper, which those who heard it will never forget. "The Queen! The Queen!" came from 10,000 throats and rolled in impressive simplicity all down the line.'

Women curtsied and men tugged their hats from their heads and bowed. But the moment was gone in an instant. 'Almost before one had grasped its import,' wrote one reporter, 'the little casket had glided by. And so we looked our last upon the Queen, and even as we did so were reminded that life

rolls on remorselessly though the greatest and the best pass away. The Queen was dead but the King lived.'

The crowd was so quiet that the wheels of the gun carriage grating on the road could be easily heard. The Duke of Argyll, riding in the procession, found it uncanny, as though he was 'looking at vast masses through a glass that prevented sound from coming to the ears'.

For Princess Maud, a granddaughter of the Queen, following in a carriage with her mother and sisters, it was 'all terribly sad and impressive, the crowds of people and not a single sound and all in black'.

The crowds were at their greatest in Hyde Park and up to Marble Arch. One soldier on duty in the park reckoned the crowd behind him was as many as 100 deep. And, as more came to join them from behind, they swayed. He and his fellow soldiers had to push them back with the sides of their rifles.

When the coffin came into sight, his troop were called to attention, arms reversed and heads bowed. But as it passed he sneaked a look. He was not the only one.

'We ought to have stood with chin sunk on chest and eyes cast down. Who could do it when she was going by for the last time — the Great Queen whose uniform we so long had worn, the small devoted woman who for the nation's good had worked so hard and done so well?'

AT PADDINGTON, the royal train that would bear the Queen to Windsor stood waiting. The royal mourners dismounted from their horses and, in their colourful uniforms and gleaming helmets, formed an honour guard across the platform through which the bearer party carried the coffin.

As Chopin's Funeral March rang out — the Queen disliked Handel's music ('He tires me') and had forbidden the playing of the Dead March — King Edward and all the other kings and princes saluted.

The royal party boarded the train and it steamed slowly out towards Windsor. 'London had looked its last upon the Queen,' said the Times, 'and was left with naught but its imperishable memories.'

Most of the vast crowd were sombre as they dispersed, queuing patiently to leave Hyde Park, waiting for the tea houses to open at 2pm so they could at last get some refreshment.

They were still silent, and even the opening of the pubs at 3pm brought only a half-hearted response. Men talked in muffled tones and women refrained from laughter, according to one observer. An hour or so later, most of the drinkers had drifted away.

'Everything was shrouded in gloom,' the Daily Chronicle reported. 'Such a silent Saturday night has not been seen in London within the memory of man.'

Conan Doyle, looking at the sad and bewildered faces on the street that day, knew he was not alone in wondering where England would stand now that she was gone.

■ **TONY RENNELL** is the author of *Last Days Of Glory: The Death Of Queen Victoria*.

Street was a solid sea of humanity, all dressed in black, moving slowly towards the park, then halted by a bottleneck at Marble Arch as thousands more came up the stairs from the Underground railway station.

This was as close to the procession as most would get.

For others, mainly young men and boys, trees gave the best vantage point. Opposite Buckingham Palace, a single small thorn tree had seven people clinging precariously to it.

Those on high were not always as considerate as they might be. In Hyde Park, a spectator in a tree carelessly tossed away a match and set fire to the soft felt hat of a man underneath.

As the numbers built up on the pavements, it became increasingly difficult for those who had bought seats to get to them. The crowd swept one woman past the front door of the house where she was expected. There was no way she could force her way back against

the flow and she had to go into another house and then climb out along the roof to reach her place.

Others had been conned. An argument broke out when too many people turned up at a house on the corner of Buckingham Palace Road and Victoria Street and it was discovered that the seats had been sold several times over.

Fraudsters were out on the streets too. One man did a brisk trade selling 'official funeral programmes' for a penny. There was no such thing. When the buyers opened up the folded sheet of paper, they found themselves gazing at the details of the funeral of William Gladstone.

But these incidents were exceptional. The overwhelming mood of the crowd was kind and cooperative. There was no band music to entertain them, and this was no time for sing-songs. They stood in silence, just waiting.

They were packed so tightly that it was impossible to put a hand in

the pocket. 'The strength of our ribs was put to rather a severe test' one of those in Hyde Park recalled.

AS THE hours ticked by, along the road from Victoria Station, the procession was beginning to form, with the bands of the Household Cavalry at the front and half a mile of foot soldiers and cavalry behind before it even reached the generals and the high officers of state.

At the station itself, kings and princes, grand dukes and diplomats were assembling on a carpet of deep purple.

Just before 11am, the royal train pulled in and a bearer party of 12 sergeants from the Guards and the Household Cavalry stepped forward to shoulder the heavy oak coffin and lay it on the gun carriage. A shaft of sunlight burst through the grey skies and, for a brief moment, flashed on the brass work on the casket before it was covered by a white satin pall. The



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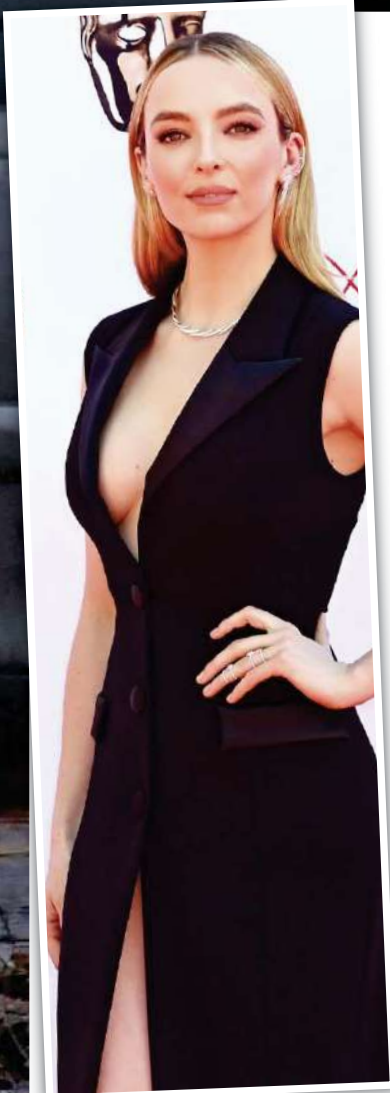
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# Jodie the stylish assassin turns desperate mum



Chic: Star on the red carpet

By **Kamal Sultan**  
Showbusiness Reporter

**CLUTCHING** her baby tightly and looking haunted by the disaster unfolding around her, this character is barely recognisable as Killing Eve star Jodie Comer.

Playing the assassin Villanelle, she was in control and supremely confident. But in *The End We Start From*, the 29-year-old is a mother desperately battling to survive with her new-born baby after floods devastate London.

In the first images released from the set of the dystopian thriller, she is pictured walking down a debris-strewn street.

'My character is ordinary and extraordinary,' said Miss Comer.

## 'Quiet heroics of devotion and love'

'Her personal life and the world around her have been turned upside down and she is dealing with the unknown at every turn.'

The actress, who began dating US lacrosse player James Burke, 28, in 2020, added: 'Her story is about the quiet heroics of devotion, bravery and love.'

Benedict Cumberbatch, Mark Strong, Gina McKee and Katherine Watson also star in the film.

Director Mahalia Belo said she was 'working with an extraordinary cast, bringing this human, primal and ultimately hopeful story to life'. Based on the novel by Megan Hunter, the movie is not due out until at least 2023.



A nightmare: Jodie Comer in first images from new film

## Woke surge as National Grid bans word 'him'

Daily Mail Reporter

THE National Grid has been given a gender-neutral reboot with the use of the words 'manned', 'him' and 'chairman' now banned.

Its owner, the National Grid Electricity Systems Operator (ESO), uses 'staffed', 'they' and 'chairperson' instead after an overhaul of its Grid Code, which sets out the requirements for connecting to the grid. For example, the code now refers to control points being 'continuously staffed' while panels are overseen by a 'chairperson'.

The code also no longer contains the terms 'he', using the gender-neutral 'they' instead.

National Grid said the changes to the code will 'have a positive impact by removing any gender bias, inequality and discrimination'.

'They will also acknowledge diversity and convey respect to all people,' it added.

The changes, reported by The

## 'In the grip of an energy crisis'

Sunday Telegraph, were devised as the energy network started to struggle with a spike in demand as countries emerged from lockdowns.

The country is currently in the grip of an energy crisis that has seen the Government unveil a £150billion support package to cap typical household bills at £2,500.

The National Grid said in March that it ranks first among utility companies in the UK and third globally for gender equality. ESO is run by a board made up of four men and four women.

Gender-neutral language has been criticised by the Government as part of a crackdown on 'wokery' in the civil service.

It is attempting to ensure all new legislation specifically references 'women' and 'mothers', rather than using non-specific terms.

By **Colin Fernandez**

GETTING 'the snip' could become a thing of the past as scientists say a contraceptive jab that lasts ten years could soon be available for men.

The jab – called Risug – could be ready within 12 months.

Developed by researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, the injection has completed its final trials.

It is considered better than a vasectomy as it would be less painful, and is also reversible.

But UK researchers looking at how likely the jab is to be accepted in this country said many men may be hesitant.

Dr Amanda Wilson, a public health psychologist at De Montfort University, told the British Science Festival in Leicester that research had found men were very reluctant to have the jab.

She said that the trend for men to have vasectomies is declining, and that hesitancy about the injection may reflect this. Dr

# Contraceptive jab for men just a year away

Wilson said: 'For a male pill, we're still looking at between 30 and 50 years, but Risug is the male contraceptive that is closest to reaching the market. However, we're seeing a significant decrease in vasectomies.'

She told The Sunday Telegraph: 'Scientists don't know why. But until we get that social acceptability of vasectomy up globally, there's not going to be as much social acceptability for Risug.'

Risug is a gel which damages the tails of individual sperm cells, preventing them from fertilising an egg. The procedure can be reversed with an injection of water

and baking soda. However, sterilisation procedures in general for both men and women have fallen in recent years. In 2010-11 there were 19,510 vasectomies carried out in NHS hospitals, which

## 'A little bit more peace of mind'

by 2020-21 had fallen to 4,486 – a 77 per cent fall.

Sterilisations of women in NHS hospitals have also fallen, from 15,189 in 2010-11 to 7,665 in 2020-21 – a 50 per cent decline. The

makers of Risug, which stands for Reversible Inhibition of Sperm Under Guidance, say the jab allows men to be more spontaneous than when using condoms.

The contraceptive uses a polymer called styrene maleic anhydride which coats the sperm duct. The chemical was originally used to coat pipes in rural water systems in India, where it was found to kill bacteria.

Tests in rabbits, rats and monkeys showed that it had a similar effect on sperm. Risug has completed several clinical trials on human subjects in India and is awaiting approval from the medi-

cal authorities there. In the United States, a male contraceptive called Vasalgel, which works in a similar way, is in development.

Dr Wilson said: 'I think women would find it a real benefit if they don't have to worry about their partner taking a pill. It's a little bit more peace of mind.'

An advantage of the jab is that it is not based on hormones. Attempts to develop a male contraceptive pill based on sex hormones have suffered problems in the past, due to side effects in men including acne and mood changes – both common side effects in pills for women.



# Will income tax be cut in Kwarteng's budget for growth?

By **Harriet Line**  
Chief Political Correspondent

KWASI Kwarteng could fast-track plans to cut 1p off income tax in a 'bold' and 'growth-focused' mini-budget this week.

The Chancellor is said to be considering bringing forward Rishi Sunak's plans to reduce the basic rate of income tax from 20p to 19p in the pound.

Mr Sunak said in March that this would take effect in 2024, but speculation is mounting that his successor could fast-track the move.

However, the decision could be deferred until the Government holds a formal Budget – possibly in November – which will be accompanied by an Office for Budget Responsibility forecast.

Sources told The Mail on Sunday Mr Kwarteng is planning a top-secret 'knock-out surprise measure' – described as a 'proper rabbit out of the hat moment'. Whitehall insiders said last night that the mini-budget would be 'bold' and 'growth-focused', but declined to confirm the reports.

Friday's emergency mini-budget will

## 'Make London more globally competitive'

be one of the most significant fiscal interventions in the past century.

The Chancellor is expected to confirm plans to reverse the 1.25 percentage point national insurance rise as soon as November and say that next year's planned increase in corporation tax will not go ahead.

Liz Truss is also reportedly considering plans to slash personal taxes and business levies in new 'investment zones'. Those who live and work in the low-tax areas envisaged by the Prime Minister could see their own contributions cut, with the burden also lightened for businesses.

The proposed 'investment zones', dubbed 'full-fat freeports', were a staple of Miss Truss's campaign for the Tory leadership. She said that under her plan these areas would benefit from low tax, reduced planning restrictions and regulations tailored on a case-by-case basis.

The Sun on Sunday reported that the new PM is now weighing in whether personal taxes

could be cut for people working there.

Mr Kwarteng will use Friday's statement to push ahead with plans for City deregulation, having told bank chiefs he wants a 'Big Bang 2.0' – in reference to Margaret Thatcher's sudden deregulation of financial markets – to make London the capital of global finance again.

Last week, Treasury sources also confirmed that he was considering scrapping the cap on bankers' bonuses to make the City of London more globally competitive.

Ministers are also said to

have discussed whether environmental protections could be watered down in these 'investment zones' to clear the way for new developments.

The Government is reportedly looking at the West Midlands, Thames Estuary, Tees Valley, West Yorkshire and Norfolk as potential sites.

Friday's mini-budget comes after the Government announced an unprecedented multibillion-pound package to tackle sky-high energy bills and the cost of living squeeze.

Under the 'energy price guarantee', bills for the average household will go no higher

than £2,500 at any point over the next two years. It will save a typical home around £1,000 a year from October 1, when the current consumer price cap had been set to rise, according to official estimates.

Businesses were promised similar levels of support, and Business Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg is set to announce details on Wednesday.

With speculation building over the direction policy will take as Miss Truss seeks to put her stamp on No 10, it has also been suggested the PM could lift the ban on new grammar schools within months.

## Chancellor plots 'rabbit out of hat' to tackle cost of living



Statement: Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng will deliver his mini-budget on Friday

# PM to tell UN we must curb Russia

LIZ Truss will tell world leaders this week that economic growth is key to facing down Russian aggression.

In a speech to the UN General Assembly, the Prime Minister will urge allies to end their reliance on imports of energy and other products from so-called malign actors.

She will say the West must learn lessons from Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine by boosting economic security and defence.

A source told the Sunday Times: 'She will draw a clear link between geopolitics and the domestic economy (in particular energy prices), and why reduc-

By **Chief Political Correspondent**

ing the free world's dependence on malign actors has a direct impact on the cost of living and success of our economy here at home.'

In her address, she will also rally Western countries to help Ukraine in its push-back against Russian invaders.

Miss Truss is expected to fly to the summit in New York this evening, after attending the Queen's funeral. It will be her first overseas visit and major sum-

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# Cricket craziness

India win over Pakistan last month  
sparks violence in Leicester



Protest: Groups of Hindu and Muslim men repeatedly clashed in east Leicester over the weekend

By **Claire Duffin**

A POLICE chief has called for calm after violent clashes broke out between groups of Hindu and Muslim men in Leicester over the weekend.

Videos show officers being pelted with bottles as they try to keep two gangs apart.

The east of the city has been rocked by violence in recent weeks, sparked by India's T20 cricket win over arch-rivals Pakistan in Dubai last month.

Police have been called to dozens of incidents and have made more than 30 arrests for offences including making threats to kill, possession of a firearm and affray. A police officer and a member of the public were assaulted when crowds gathered following the end of the match.

A video circulating online shows a man pulling down a flag outside a Hindu temple. A significant police presence will remain in Leicester in the coming days.

A spokesman for Leicestershire Police said two people were arrested after 'serious disorder' on Saturday night and yesterday morning. The force said large crowds formed when groups of



young men gathered for an unplanned protest.

In a video filmed at 9pm on Saturday, temporary Chief Constable Rob Nixon urged people to go home, saying: 'Please do not get involved, we are calling for calm.'

## 'Things got very nasty'

Leicester East MP Claudia Webbe added on Twitter: 'This is a time for cool heads. I implore everyone to go home. We can strengthen our dialogue to repair community relations. Your family

will be worried for your safety, please accept the advice of the police who are trying to defuse this and are calling for calm.'

One man was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit violent disorder and another on suspicion of possession of a bladed article. They remain in custody.

Videos posted online show gangs of men, dressed in black and with many wearing masks and hoods, marching through the city and chanting. Other footage shows cars and buildings being vandalised.

Police and religious leaders urged caution over social media posts, which appear to have fuelled some of the violence. Sule-

man Nagdi, of the Leicester-based Federation of Muslim Organisations, said: 'What we have seen on the streets is very alarming.'

'There have been problems in the community since the India and Pakistan cricket match and while that game often sparks gatherings, they have not in the past turned this ugly. We need calm - the disorder has to stop and it has to stop now. There are some very dissatisfied young men who have been causing havoc.'

'We need to get the message out that this must end and try to do this through parents and grandparents talking to their sons.'

Sanjiv Patel, who represents



Thin blue line: Baton-wielding police officers, above and left, try to separate the two groups of young men

Hindu and Jain temples across Leicester, said: 'Across the Hindu and Jain community and with our Muslim brothers and sisters and leaders, we are consistently saying "calm minds, calm heads".'

Leicester city mayor Sir Peter Soulsby said: 'Things got very nasty indeed last night and I am very worried on behalf of the people who were caught up in it and I was impressed by the way police responded to it.'

He added: 'It's mostly young men in their late teens and early 20s and I have heard suggestions people have come in [to the city] from outside looking for an opportunity to have a set-to.'

By **Colin Fernandez**  
Environment Editor

A REPORT into Covid-19 has triggered controversy by suggesting the virus may have leaked out of a US lab.

The commissioned report in the top medical journal The Lancet said there were two possibilities for the outbreak: Through a 'natural spillover event' - where a virus jumps from animals to humans - or from 'research-related activities'.

It then pointed to the possibility of US involvement by saying that 'independent researchers have not yet investigated the US laboratories engaged in the manipulation of Sars-CoV-like viruses'.

However, it added 'nor have they investigated the details of the laboratory research that had been under way in Wuhan'. The Chinese city of Wuhan was at

## Covid COULD have leaked from a lab... but in the US, suggests report in Lancet

the epicentre of the outbreak and the theories that the virus leaked there.

But now experts have criticised the report for suggesting the US may have been involved.

Professor David Robertson, director of the University of Glasgow's Centre for Virus Research, said that while there were still answers needed on Covid's emergence, there was zero basis for US involve-

ment. He added: 'It's true we've details to understand on the side of natural origins, for example, the exact intermediate species involved, but that doesn't mean there's... any basis to the wild speculation that US labs were involved.'

The 58-page report, led by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, of Columbia University in New York, and published last week, marks something of a U-turn by The Lancet.

Soon after the virus emerged, it published a note by 27 experts attacking 'conspiracy theories that suggested Covid-19 does not have a natural origin'. The letter helped to silence critics that believed potentially lax controls in a Chinese lab could have led to the outbreak.

But the note came under fire after it emerged it was drafted by British scientist Peter Daszak, who worked closely with the infamous Wuhan Institute of Virology. The laboratory's close location to the first reports of the virus and the fact it was researching bat coronaviruses have made it a leading suspect in theories.

According to Ian Birrell, writing in The Mail on Sunday: 'As one respected scientist told me, perhaps the Chinese government is looking for a path to admit to a lab accident while sharing blame with the US.'





To the public, Douglas Bader was a Britain poster boy who kept flying despite losing his legs. But to fellow inmates and his long-suffering batman in Colditz, he was an...

# INSUFFERABLE

# HERO

**YESTERDAY**, in the second part of the Mail's serialisation of historian Ben Macintyre's gripping new book about Colditz, we told how an Indian doctor was racially abused by his fellow PoWs — yet he never betrayed Britain, even when the Nazis offered him a way out. In today's final part, we tell the story of the *real* Douglas Bader

with legs of tin,  
a heart of oak —  
and feet of clay

by Ben Macintyre

**T**WO WEEKS after being released from Colditz in 1945 and returning home to Scotland, Private Alex Ross was summoned to his local post office to take a long-distance telephone call. He rushed there to discover that on the line was the famed leg-less fighter pilot, Douglas Bader.

Ross, a medical orderly, had been Bader's batman in the prison camp. Throughout their shared captivity he had been a much put-upon dogsbody, carrying the wing commander up and down stairs on his back, cooking his meals and washing his stump socks.

Ross assumed his boss must be calling now to express his gratitude. Instead, without any introduction, a gruff voice thundered down the phone: 'Have you got my legs?'

Ross said no, explaining that the American liberators of Colditz had permitted each man to take away only a single suitcase. There had not been room in his bag for the spare tin legs and he had left them behind.

'You're a c\*\*t,' said Bader, and rang off. They never spoke again.

This incident is an insight into two things — the true nature of the heroic Bader, Colditz's most famous prisoner; and also the role of that little-known group of prisoners locked inside the castle with the officers, the orderlies.

Running through the very heart of Colditz was a wide and almost unbridgeable social divide. The officer corps at Colditz was predominantly upper-middle or upper class; the orderlies were almost all working-class men with little formal learning. Inside the walls, Britain's class war was festering away.

This was a camp exclusively for captured officers and under the Geneva Convention each one had a right to be attended by an orderly, as he would if he were free. An officer was not permitted to work, but a private soldier was required to; one, therefore, served the other.

As a result, Colditz contained a fluctuating population of ordinary soldier-prisoners, brought in from other PoW camps to work as servants for their senior officers: cooking, tidying, cleaning, boot polishing and other chores.

As private soldiers, the lowest rung on the military ladder, the

orderlies were required to obey the orders of the Germans as well as their own officers without question. Technically, they were employed and paid by the Germans.

They received the same rations as the officers, including Red Cross supplies, but they ate, slept and lived in separate quarters.

The social divide between officers and their servants was strictly upheld. For recreation, the orderlies played football but were not allowed to participate in stoolball, an officers-only game (similar to cricket).

There was never any doubt about their position in the prison pecking order. Significantly, they were not invited to take part in escape attempts, and were not expected to assist them (though some did). 'We didn't even know when the escapes were taking place,' said one. 'They'd never involve us.'

None ever tried to escape, and there was probably good reason for this. A recaptured officer would usually be returned to the castle unharmed, whereas ordinary soldiers were liable to be shot.

Yet, today, it seems bizarre and

unjust that one prisoner should have to serve another; that one man should be permitted to seek his liberty and another forbidden to do so on the grounds of rank and class.

But in the strictly stratified military hierarchy of the time, an officer was more valuable than a private, and therefore more useful to the war effort if he managed to escape and return to Britain.

Some orderlies grumbled about their lot, to the point of directly challenging the traditional master-servant, officer-other ranks relationship.

Fed up with having to clear away after messy, demanding officers, there were mutterings of 'revolution' and 'parasites'. Some even went on strike, but it fizzled out after an officer described it as a mutiny.

Generally, though, most of the orderlies were reasonably content to be in Colditz, where the work was not overly onerous and the food better than in other PoW camps.

Shining an officer's belt buckle was infinitely preferable to forced

labour. 'After the copper mines, Colditz was a holiday camp,' one orderly observed.

Even so, there were officers who treated the orderlies with disdain, as if their well-being was of no importance. And none more so than Bader.

He was supremely brave, able to inspire others to feats of courage they never dreamed possible — but he was also arrogant, domineering, selfish and spectacularly rude, particularly to those he considered of lower status.

Not least his own batman, orderly Alex Ross.

Douglas Bader arrived at Colditz in August 1942, his awkward walk on artificial legs and distinctive air of authority sending a ripple of excitement through the camp. He was already the most celebrated fighting man, on either side, of the entire war.

The war had made him into a hero. But it also made him insufferable. Fame had come to him suddenly, after an appalling

accident that led to a lifetime of acute pain. He had joined the RAF in 1928 and three years later, on a dare, he attempted to slow roll his Bristol Bulldog biplane over the aerodrome.

Flying in too low, his left wing clipped the ground and the plane somersaulted.

Pulled from the wreckage, Bader would have died at the scene if a civilian had not held on to the severed femoral artery in his right leg.

By another stroke of good fortune he was brought to hospital just in time to catch pioneering surgeon Leonard Joyce before he went home for the day. Joyce amputated both of Bader's legs, one above and one below the knee.

Bader refused to bow to his disability. With the use of two prosthetic legs (slightly longer than the original ones, to make him taller), he was able to drive a modified car, play golf and cricket, swim and even dance. But, to his

*Arrogant and spectacularly rude  
to those he considered of low status*





**Image of courage: Air ace Douglas Bader in 1940, and inset, with American actress Rita Hayworth, at the Gaumont Theatre, Haymarket, London in 1947**

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who also carried Bader's luggage and spare legs.

Ross had been his orderly at their previous camp, and Bader had asked if he would go to Colditz with him. Ross had agreed.

'What I didn't realise was that being Bader's orderly was a 24-hours-a-day job. I soon understood why none of the other orderlies wanted to work for him; you had to be at his beck and call all the time. I know he was a very brave man, but he could also be a monster.'

Ross's jobs included serving Bader breakfast in bed every morning. He would then carry the officer on his back down two flights of winding stairs for his bath, and back up again afterwards.

'He was no lightweight. He would have his arms round my neck, hanging on, and would dig the stumps of his legs hard into me in order to hold on. And I did that every day of the week.'

Bader liked to refer to his batman-steed as 'Das Ross', an old German word for a horse or

## He demanded a place on every escape plan

charger of the sort a knight might ride into battle.

At Colditz, Bader appointed himself to a number of prominent positions: orchestra conductor, goalie in games of stoolball and goon-baiter-in-chief.

He successfully campaigned to be allowed to take long walks outside the castle walls, insisting there was not enough space in the courtyard to exercise the muscles in what remained of his legs.

Twice a week Bader set off on his 'parole walks', under guard, and used the opportunity to trade with local farmers, swapping chocolate from Red Cross parcels for fresh eggs and other luxuries. His artificial legs were regularly repaired and serviced by the town blacksmith.

Despite the respect offered to him by the guards, Bader treated his captors with profanity-laden contempt, unmercifully baiting the Germans on every possible occasion.

He blew pipe smoke in the sentries' faces, led the chorus in anti-German chanting and instituted a system of tuneless whistling whenever the guards were marching past, to throw them out of step.

Once, when Ross was carrying him upstairs, they encountered a German general and two colonels coming the other way. 'Don't stop for these bastards,' Bader shouted, digging his stumps into his orderly.

'They looked quite shocked but stepped back to let us go by. He just glared at them,' said Ross.

As ever, Bader provoked contrasting feelings. Many younger officers were inspired and amused by his restless defiance: 'Douglas provided the fun.'

The more impolite he was to the Germans, the greater their respect. Others found him intensely irritating, pointing out that by goading the Germans he provoked collective punishments that adversely affected everyone in the camp.

His rudeness was legendary. 'I don't think all the time I knew him

he said "please" or "thank you",' recalled Ross. Bader never offered his batman any of the eggs he obtained on his countryside walks. 'I think if he had handed me one, I would have fainted.'

Bader's tin legs obviously made him ineligible for escapes requiring physical agility, such as tunnelling or climbing across roofs. Nonetheless, he demanded a place on every escape plan.

When the escape committee refused, he raged: 'Do you realise that the government at home would rather have me back than all the rest of you put together?'

This assertion, though supremely arrogant, was probably true. At one point, the committee sent a secret message to London suggesting that 'a splendid propaganda coup could be achieved by landing a light aircraft on the Autobahn near Colditz and so rescuing Douglas Bader'.

MI9 — the military intelligence unit tasked with helping PoWs to escape — did not dismiss this barmy idea out of hand. The government wanted Bader back in Britain, and many in Colditz would have been happy to see him go.

But it was Ross who unexpectedly got the chance to go home early, as part of a prisoner exchange in 1943. He was overjoyed: 'I was very excited. It also meant I could get as far away as possible from Bader.'

He ran to find the famous flying ace in the courtyard and relayed the news that he would soon be going back to Britain.

'No you're bloody not,' said Bader. 'Look here, Ross, you came here as my lackey and you will stay with me as my lackey until we are both liberated. That's that.' Then he 'stomped off'.

Ross said: 'I couldn't believe that he was stopping me going home. He only ever thought of himself and I was nothing. Just someone to serve him.' Ross would spend another two years lugging the legless RAF officer up and down stairs for his bath.

Bader was selfish to the end. When liberation finally came, the

## Pompous Bader was selfish to the end

Senior British Officer gave orders that no officer was to leave the castle without permission. But rules did not apply to Bader. He hitched a ride with an American journalist, climbing into the back of her Jeep alongside the holdall he had got Ross to pack for him.

By the next day he was back in Paris, and a day after that he returned to Britain and a hero's welcome: the first prisoner to make a 'home run' from Colditz after its liberation, several days before anyone else.

Bader's fame continued to soar after the war. He used his celebrity well. His stubborn and courageous refusal to allow physical impairment to inhibit his freedom became an inspiration to disabled and limbless people everywhere. He raised millions for charity.

He died in 1982: a total hero and, at times, a complete b\*\*\*\*\*d. Bader was living evidence that it is possible to be courageous, famous, disabled and quite unpleasant, all at the same time.

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fury, the RAF would not let him fly.

Bader never stopped lobbying the RAF to put him back in a cockpit, insisting he could pilot a plane just as effectively with prosthetic legs. With the outbreak of war, the authorities relented and he returned to the air.

During the Battle of France and the Battle of Britain, he distinguished himself as a fighter pilot of reckless skill and supreme courage. Using the call sign 'Dogsbody' (from his initials, DB), he shot down 20 enemy planes in two years.

His exploits were seized on by the War Office as a golden propaganda opportunity, and through stories planted in

newspapers he was turned into a legend. He became the country's first officially sanctioned poster boy, photographed alongside his Spitfire, a square-jawed, pugnacious warrior, pipe in fist, the very incarnation of determination to overcome the odds, on earth and in the air.

Bader lapped up the attention but he was deeply resented by colleagues. One of his fellow pilots observed: 'He was a show-off, the most pompous chap I've ever met.' He treated the ground crew with withering superiority, and they detested him.

He became a prisoner-of-war after being shot down in August 1941 and a year later was sent to Colditz after trying to escape from

his first two camps. His prosthetic limbs impeded his escape efforts, but so did his fame. A German poster described his distinctive, stiff-legged gait, in case he should escape again. He was a captive of his own notoriety.

This, then, was the warrior-celebrity who, to salutes from the admiring German sentries, clumped into Colditz in 1942: a man with legs of tin, a heart of oak and feet of clay.

The cobbled slope up from the moat was too steep for Bader's rigid legs, and so he was pulled along by his batman, Alex Ross,





# Revealed, horrors of 'torture chamber' the Russians abandoned

## Mail Foreign Service

UKRAINIAN war crimes prosecutors have released images and details of a Russian 'torture chamber' they found in a newly liberated village.

Officials said the grim basement in Kozacha Lopan, in Ukraine's Kharkiv region, was where Russian forces tortured military and civilian prisoners.

One image showed a Soviet-era military telephone which they claimed was used as the power source for a yellow wire which was connected to metal clips to electrocute prisoners during interrogation.

The basement also had a room with prison-style bars.

In recent days, testimonies have emerged from Ukrainians saying they were electrocuted, burned and beaten by Russian soldiers demanding the names and addresses of senior military figures in the region.

The Kremlin troops who were occupying Kharkiv, in the north-east of the country, have

## 'Beaten with iron pipes'

dropped their weapons and fled in the last couple of weeks after Ukraine's counteroffensive.

The attack has rapidly retaken over 3,000 square miles of territory that was lost to Vladimir Putin's forces earlier this year.

But the Ukrainian soldiers' joy quickly turned to grief as they uncovered evidence of Russian war crimes. Prosecutors have documented the atrocities, which included torture chambers as well as mass graves.

They have so far exhumed more than 60 bodies – of both soldiers and civilians – from a burial site thought to contain at least 450 graves in a forest on the edge of Izyum in Kharkiv.

Some bodies showed signs of torture, with their hands tied behind their backs and ropes around their necks, it was claimed. Others revealed injuries consistent with rocket or shelling attacks.

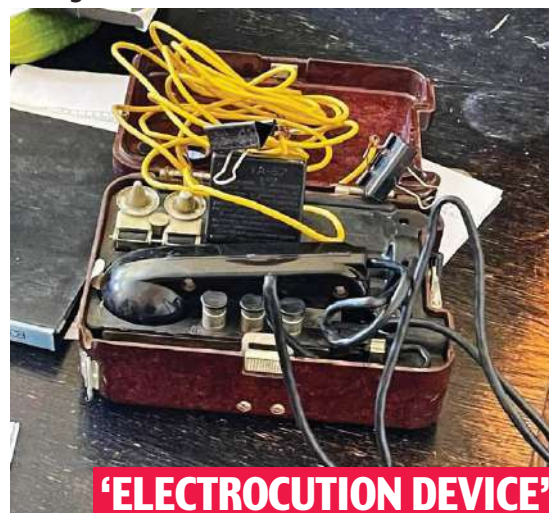
President Volodymyr Zelensky



Mass grave: 60 bodies have been exhumed so far



Grim discovery: A room with prison bars and right, the phone with cables and bulldog clips



'ELECTROCUTION DEVICE'

accused Russia of genocide in his TV address on Saturday and said it will answer for its crimes 'both on the battlefield and in the courtroom'. He added: 'More than ten torture chambers have already been found in the liberated areas in Kharkiv.'

And a resident of nearby Kupiansk gave a horrifying account of the torture methods allegedly used on him. He said

he was electrocuted for 40 minutes, adding: 'They shot me either with a pneumatic gun or a gas gun, I don't know – I was in a bag. [People] were beaten with bats or iron pipes.'

The EU has called for an international war crimes tribunal to be set up to probe Russia's actions during its seven-month invasion. Following its hasty retreat on the battlefield, Rus-

sia has escalated its shelling of Ukrainian towns and cities from within its own borders.

Several deaths, including those of four doctors and a nine-year-old girl, were reported in the Kharkiv region. The UK's Ministry of Defence yesterday said Russia was 'prepared to strike in an attempt to undermine the morale of the Ukrainian people and government'.

# FBI quiz Truss adviser in bribery probe

A TOP adviser to Liz Truss has been interviewed by the FBI about an alleged plot to rig an election in Puerto Rico.

Mark Fullbrook, Downing Street's chief of staff, is cooperating with the relevant enforcement authorities as a witness.

The inquiry centres on an alleged bribe by Venezuelan banker Julio Herrera Velutini, who is said to have promised to help a former governor of Puerto Rico, Wanda Vázquez Garced, get re-elected if she sacked an official investigating a bank he owned there. It is alleged Mr Velutini promised

By **Harriet Line**  
Chief Political Correspondent

\$300,000 (£260,000) for her 2020 re-election campaign. They deny any wrongdoing.

According to The Sunday Times, Mr Velutini paid the money to CT Group, the Australian-British lobbying firm founded by Sir Lynton Crosby. CT group supported Miss Garced in her unsuccessful re-election bid.

Mr Fullbrook, then CT's chief global projects officer, is said to have taken the lead, according to court documents. There

is no suggestion CT Group or Mr Fullbrook had any knowledge of any alleged bribery or corruption, nor that Mr Fullbrook carried out any work for Miss Garced.

The Sunday Times said Mr Fullbrook, 60, was made a formal subject of a US Department of Justice and FBI investigation this year. A spokesman for Mr Fullbrook said: 'The work was engaged only by Mr Herrera [Velutini]... to conduct opinion research for him. Mr Fullbrook never did any work for, nor presented research findings to, the governor or her campaign.'

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ON THIS  
DAY

## FROM THE DAILY MAIL ARCHIVE

SEPTEMBER 19, 1975

OPPOSITION leader Mrs Margaret Thatcher is bowling over the Americans on her current U.S. tour. Yesterday she was described as 'a flower among thorns'. The way American politicians see her was reflected in a note slipped to the British Ambassador by Congressman Clarence Brown during a visit by Mrs Thatcher to Capitol Hill yesterday. It read: 'If for any reason it doesn't work out for her there politically, we could surely use her here.'

SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

THE Royal Shakespeare Company claimed a dramatic breakthrough last night after casting a black actor as an English monarch for the first time in its history. David Oyelowo, whose family came from Nigeria, will play the title role in all three parts of Henry VI in a production which opens in Stratford-upon-Avon later this year. The 24-year-old joined the world-famous company only last year.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ROSEMARY HARRIS, 95. The Rada-trained actress from Suffolk played Peter Parker's Aunt May in three Spider-Man films in the 2000s. Harris, made her movie debut opposite Elizabeth Taylor in Beau Brummell, while playwright Arthur Miller said Harris was able to create 'an ambience there that you could cut with a knife'.

JEREMY IRONS, 74. The actor from the Isle of Wight said he's spent his wealth 'on buildings because I love buildings. So though I'm building-rich, I'm not rich rich'. At school, he would meet his girlfriend outside the dry cleaners and said: 'Even now, the smell of dry-cleaning fluid is one of the most erotic things I can think of.'

## BORN ON THIS DAY

AUSTIN MITCHELL (1934-2021). The Bradford-born TV journalist-turned-Labour MP forced through more legislation during his party's years out of government between 1979 and 1997 than any other opposition member. This included a bill to allow parliamentary proceedings to be televised.

ANNA KAREN (1936-2022). The South African-born British actress who played much put-upon Olive Rudge in sitcom On The Buses said it was as a striptease artist in various London clubs that she 'learned more about stage timings and entertaining a live audience than anyone can teach you at drama school'.



## ON SEPTEMBER 19...

IN 1945, William Joyce, better known as Lord Haw-Haw for the posh accent he used for his Nazi propaganda broadcasts, was sentenced to death for treason. He was hanged the following year.

IN 2005, research revealed Status Quo had achieved more hit singles (61) than any other group in UK chart history.

## WORD WIZARDRY

GUESS THE DEFINITION: Manticore (c 1300s)

- A) A horse's attempt to dump his rider.
- B) A legendary monster.
- C) One who haunts good tables, a greedy sponger.

Answer below.

## PHRASE EXPLAINED

As easy as falling off a log: Meaning very easy. It is a mid-19th century American expression and used by Mark Twain in 1880 in the variant form of 'rolling off a log'.

## QUOTE FOR TODAY

'Money couldn't buy friends, but you got a better class of enemy.'

Spike Milligan, Irish comedian (1918-2002)

## JOKE OF THE DAY

WHAT do you call a bird that's good at quizzes? A know-it-owl.

Guess The Definition answer: B.

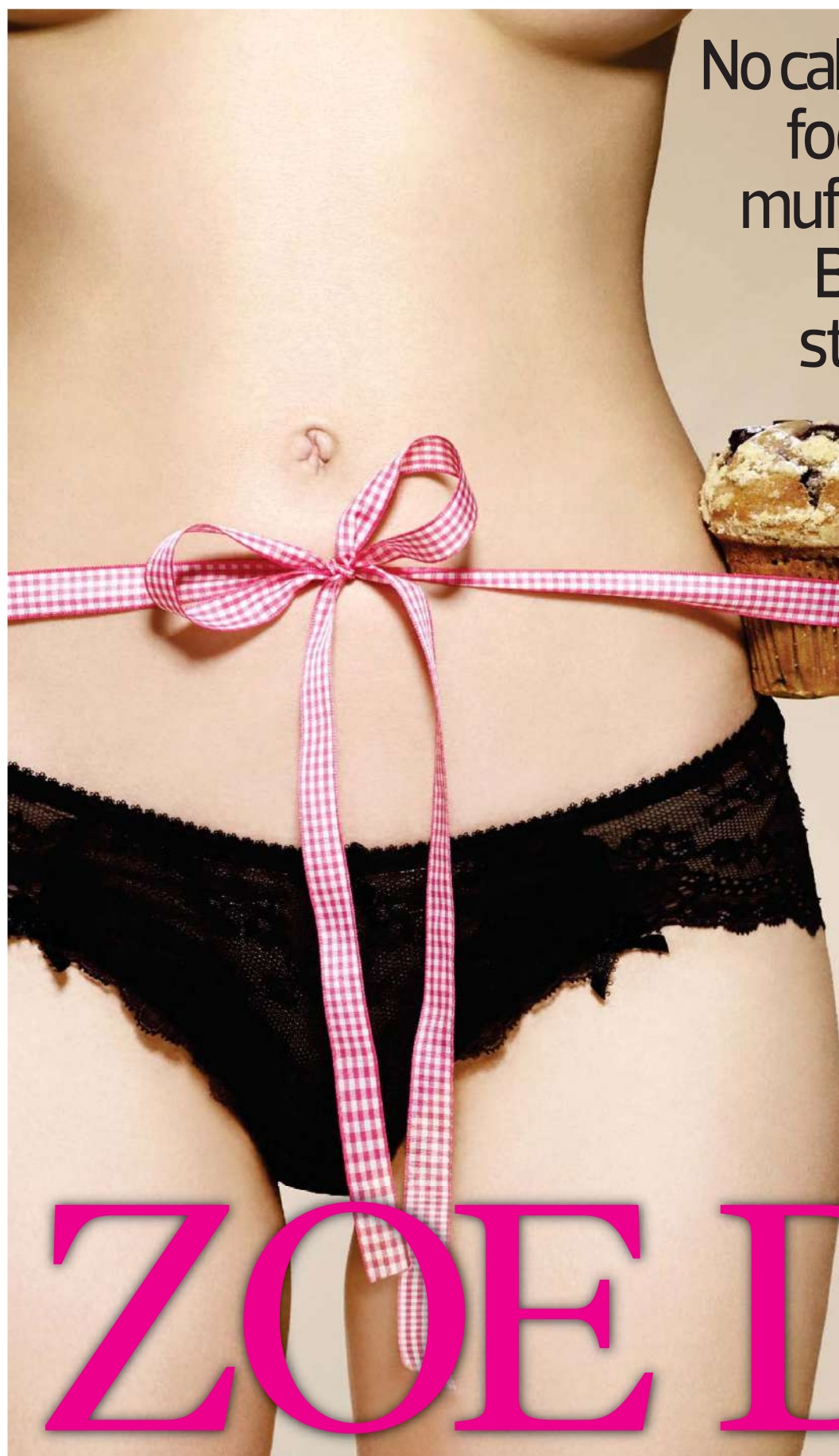
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# INSPIRE

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a rainbow  
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No calorie-counting. No banned foods. And you HAVE to eat muffins! No wonder 200,000 Britons are queueing up to start it. Best-selling fitness author ALEXANDRA HEMINSLEY reveals...

I lost a stone in 6 weeks on the

## ZOE DIET

**W**HEN my package arrived from ZOE Nutrition, it felt — and looked — like something from a fancy cosmetics range, or perhaps the hottest handbag of the season, straight from Selfridges. The expensive-looking butter-yellow

box was delivered by courier, discreetly embossed with chic ZOE logos. But inside there was no pricey mascara or posh arm candy, rather small bundles of medical equipment: a lancet for testing my blood, a continuous blood glucose monitor to slap on the back of my arm

by Alexandra Heminsley

and a small sling for the loo seat (yes, really) to help me collect a stool sample of my own.

But I couldn't have been more excited! And I'm not alone, because this particular parcel has a 221,000-strong waiting list. I'd spent the best part of the

year edging to the top of the queue, and now it was finally my turn to enrol in the ZOE nutrition programme.

Pioneered by Tim Spector, Professor of Genetic Epidemiology at King's College London, the programme is part-diet, part-health programme and part-nutritional science study.

I first came across Tim in the context

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# How to find a POSH PEN

## fit for a king

by Etan Smallman



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His royal nibs: King Charles signs a visitors' book

**W**HO has not vented their frustration after getting on the wrong side of a leaking pen?

'Oh God, I hate this,' said King Charles on Tuesday while signing a visitor's book at Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland. 'Oh look, it's going everywhere,' sympathised the Queen Consort.

The brand of the offending implement has not been revealed but, on a visit to a Welsh cathedral on Friday, it appeared that the King had wisely brought his own pen along, calmly signing the visitors' book in Llandaff Cathedral before passing his pen and the book to his wife.

To save you the risk of an inky accident, we put five pens to the test to see which ones have the write stuff for a royal signature...

### ELIZABETH'S FAVOURITE

Parker 51 fountain pen (£79, cultpens.com)

THE late Queen was photographed using a burgundy Parker 51, once hailed as the 'world's most wanted' and 'a pen from another planet', thanks to its streamlined silhouette and 'hooded nib'.

Work on the aviation-inspired design was completed in 1939 — the company's 51st year.

U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower used the model when he signed an acknowledgement of the German surrender in World War II and Parker has had a royal warrant since 1962.

The 51 (above) comes in a luxurious presentation box, with one blue and one black cartridge. It is available with either a fine or medium stainless steel nib. The writing is fluid and the 'precious resin' body provides a regal edge, though its concealed nib may fool some into thinking you're using a ballpoint.

### THE WRITING IS UNMISTAKABLE

Pilot FriXion Erasable Rollerball (£7.99 for two, whsmith.co.uk)

ON TUESDAY, cameras did not just record the King's ink mishap, they also captured his conversation with Camilla — in which she told him he had the date wrong in the visitor's book.

That would have been no problem at all if he had been

writing his message with a fine-nibbed Pilot FriXion which boasts magical disappearing ink. Somehow the writing doesn't smudge when your fingers touch it but if you rub the paper with the plastic tip at the end of the refillable barrel, it is perfectly erased, using friction-generated heat.

The price you pay is a black ink that looks rather anaemic and feels less smooth-flowing compared with its rivals.

And, be warned, some customers have reported their handwriting disappearing entirely from cards left in a hot car. Probably not one for constitution-defining documents.

### ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE

Cross Tech3+ Refillable Twist-Action Metal Multifunction Ballpoint Pen (£44.99, amazon.co.uk)

THIS writing tool — from 170-year-old U.S. brand Cross — looks more gizmo from James Bond's Q than something that would be wielded by a member of the Royal Family.

It comes in a presentation box flimsier than that of the Parker. But twist the polished chrome barrel clockwise and a black ballpoint emerges.

Keep twisting for a red one, and again for a mechanical pencil — or turn anti-clockwise to abort your writing mission. The top of the pen unscrews to reveal a pencil eraser and can be switched for the enclosed stylus, which is compatible with most touchscreen devices.

Admittedly, it lacks the finesse of a fountain and the flow of ink

on to the paper is not exactly effortless, but your friends will marvel at its ingenuity. And why carry three pens, when one will do the trick?

### EXPENDABLE ELEGANCE

Pilot V disposable fountain pen (£5.29, ryman.co.uk)

EAGLE-EYED viewers of the Proclamation of the King at the first Accession Council ever televised, at St James's Palace on Saturday, September 10, spotted fellow signatories — including the Queen Consort, the Prince of Wales and Liz Truss — using a disposable fountain pen. Some were shocked at the choice of Pilot Varsity, or VPen, with one viewer tweeting: 'Had to check the live feed to believe it.'

The very idea of a throwaway product would clash with the new monarch's long-established environmental principles, but the VPen offers convenience, in that you never have to go near an inkwell or cartridge, and gives you longhand as smooth as silk. It also comes in an array of colours, is lightweight and offers the ease of a Biro with the elegance of a fountain pen.

### WHERE THERE'S A QUILL...

Manuscript quill pen and ink set (£31.95, libertylondon.com)

IF YOU want to feel more Charles II than Charles III, invest in a quill kit. It comes with a brass nib mounted on a vivid blue feather, plus a 25ml bottle of black ink, in which to dip your pen just like the King did at his Proclamation ceremony.

Writing with it is as scratchy as you would expect, though does give you the chance to perfect your italic and copperplate calligraphy.

The quill is the least comfortable to hold of the five and the only one that left me with ink-smudged hands and the blotchiest of writing paper.

Plenty of fun, but certainly not fit for a 21st-century sovereign keen to keep his suit clean.

### FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

of the ZOE Health Study, looking at an app downloaded by more than three million of us during the pandemic, tracking Covid-19 symptoms and enabling epidemiological results to be calculated.

When I realised that the groundbreaking nutritional research of his team at King's had been combined with an app as sophisticated as the Covid one, I was sold. Because this is more than just a diet — everyone who signs up is enrolled in a study, the largest in-depth nutritional research programme in the world.

At more than £500 for a year, taking part is not cheap. But the wait gave me time to save my pennies, as I was keen to be a part of something that could really shift the dial in thinking about nutrition. After all, the Covid app was pivotal in helping scientists and the Government understand the symptoms of the virus and how fast it was spreading.

Imagine what this might do to the way we eat — and, consequently, how we feel about our bodies.

Of course, no one wants to say they're on 'a diet' these days. In an age of body positivity, saying you are signing up for a nutritional research programme might seem more appealing than admitting that you want to slim down.

But I'm happy to be open about it. At 46, with a five-year-old son and rattling towards peri-menopause, I am exhausted — not just by a recent bout of Covid, but chiefly by nearly three decades' worth of diets.

I remember the F Plan diet in the house as a teenager, then the Atkins, various celebrities espousing everything from maple syrup to cabbage

*I'd long fought the idea that a trim waist equated to moral superiority*

soup, plus blood types and Dr Dukan. If you could stick to any of them, salvation! If you couldn't, more fool you. Might there be another way?

By the time I edged out of my 20s I was demoralised by the whole merry-go-round and focused on improving my relationship with the body I had, rather than ones I saw in magazines.

I took up running and wrote books about marathons and open-water swimming. I learned to love my limbs for what they could do, rather than what they looked like. In the process, I didn't just learn to love myself, I made a whole career out of it, too.

My bestseller *Running Like A Girl*, which has been sold in more than 13 countries worldwide, led to a decade of experience in talking directly to readers about how they feel about body image.

I hear from people every day about how they had long thought sport 'wasn't for them' until they read my work. For years I have met women who have thanked me for saying out loud that you didn't need to look like a runner in order to run; for



More than just a diet: ZOE's co-founder Prof Tim Spector

encouraging them to get in the sea regardless of how they look in a swimsuit. 'The fish don't care what size you are!' I'd say with abandon, and it always felt great.

During my 30s, I underwent more than a year of IVF, before finally having a son with my ex-partner. Again, I prized my body far more for what it could do than what it looked like. I refused to bow to pressure to 'snap back', determined that spending time with my baby was more important than an immediate return to fitness. And I don't regret it.

Then, well into my 40s, I found myself shaken by how knocked I was by Covid. I was particularly rattled by how much of the impact was diet-related. I had already gained more than a stone during lockdown, and now, too tired to make myself proper food, I was painfully aware of how my increasingly erratic eating habits were affecting my recuperation.

I was also struggling with running, knowing that the extra weight was part of what made it feel tough. On top of that, as someone who has made a career out of body confidence — used to smiling brightly and encouraging others — I increasingly didn't want to be recognised struggling along the seafloor.

Despite all this, I was still hugely resistant to the idea of going on a diet. I had spent more than a decade fighting the notion that a trimmer waistline equated to some sort of moral superiority.

But when I heard about ZOE (which means 'life' in Greek), with its cutting-edge tests to measure how each of us is affected by the food we eat, it seemed less like another ride on the futile Ferris wheel of dieting and more like a way to try to future-proof my health.

As the team at ZOE explain, for some, processing blood-fat levels is challenging; for others their body finds it hard to keep blood glucose levels steady. Each of us digests food differently as a result of the medication we've taken over the years, the diet we grew up with and even the pets we have in our family home.

All of which meant that when my box of tricks arrived, I was less aghast at collecting my own stool sample than excited to know the state of my gut bacteria and which foods caused me more harm than they were worth.

The app guides you day by day — hour by hour and minute by minute

\* Fits second-generation AirPods



Personalised, £27, notanotherbill.com



Kitsch, £50, katespade.co.uk



Flower power, £12, coconut-lane.com



BEFORE



AFTER



There's nothing like a piece of tech all but screaming 'NO!' to put you off your almond croissant

### Forget counting calories: Alexandra lost a stone without feeling she was on a 'diet'

few 'bad' ones, but that my ability to regulate my blood glucose is pretty poor. No wonder my weight, my energy levels and, eventually, my mental health had all taken a slide. My blood sugar really was on a rollercoaster!

When I later interviewed Sarah Berry PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at King's College London and part of the ZOE team, she explained that this was probably connected to peri-menopause, as well as my gut diversity.

Once my results were in, the app automatically updated. It is no longer about testing, but about learning which foods I should eat regularly, which to eat more of ('Gut Boosters') and which to keep to occasional indulgences ('Gut Suppressors'). You can search for foods by name, as well

### The sheer number of cheeses I can enjoy was a delightful surprise

as scan the barcodes of supermarket ingredients. Everything I have eaten since has had a number attributed to it, and I'm encouraged to log that number after each meal, keeping the score above 50 and as close to 100 as possible.

It was no surprise to see that spinach was encouraged and doughnuts were not, but the sheer number of cheeses I can enjoy was a surprise and a delight. Younger, yo-yo dieter me could never have imagined that fat-laden Camembert was in but watermelon (surely so innocuous?) was not.

As well as the 1.2 million foods on the app, there are hundreds of suggested recipes specific to your Gut Boosters. The core mindset is learning what works for your body, rather than following a rigid plan.

Keeping my blood glucose steady by choosing foods which don't send it sky-rocketing is already producing results. Simply put, if you keep blood glucose steadier, your body is not constantly recovering from the inflammation associated with those sugar highs, nor the dips and cravings that follow.

As someone who enjoys cooking and gets bored by restrictive diet plans, the sheer variety now available to me has been encouraging. And knowing the order in which to eat certain things (for example, greens before carbs to slow down my glucose response) has meant I have changed a lot without feeling I've surrendered too much.

Above all, being reminded of how much control I have over my own body has been an enormous relief. At last I feel free from whatever fad diet might come along next.

It has only been six weeks since I downloaded the app, but the two biggest changes have been realising how much my lack of sleep has driven my snacking, and that eating much earlier in the evening helps with that. Consequently, I have already lost a stone without doing what I thought was 'dieting'.

I am determined not to follow my usual habit of eight weeks of victory followed by a slump. I have signed up for a year and won't judge it an unqualified success until I have kept it up for more than 12 weeks.

But for now, I'm in clothes I haven't worn in two years, and I have downloaded the Couch-to-5k app all over again. It's all to play for, but I'm back in the game.

■ [joinzoe.com](https://joinzoe.com)

at some points — through the testing process. A packet of specially formulated muffins is sent with the kit, each with specific levels of sugars and fats in them, designed to be eaten at certain times of day, so the team can monitor how your body responds.

On day one I set up the blood sugar sensor — the same sort of glucose monitor worn by those with diabetes. It was easy to press into the back of my upper arm (using a circular plaster) without help, and I definitely wasn't aware of the sensor after an hour or so.

I wouldn't have thought about it any further if I hadn't been scanning my phone across it every eight hours for the next fortnight. Each time I did, I could see my blood glucose levels rising and dipping in perfect sync with what I ate, and even when I slept.

This is the only part of the testing which provided instant results — and they had an almost immediate impact on how I ate.

It wasn't that I didn't know the almond croissant I treat myself to after school drop-off wasn't going to get a nutritional gold star, but there is nothing quite like seeing a piece of medical equipment all but

screaming 'NOOOO!' in real time to make you think twice about it.

Day two was the stool testing, and again, it proved to be surprisingly easy. The paper 'sling' which went across the loo seat made scooping a small sample into a vial pretty simple, even if my five-year-old was dumbfounded when he appeared at the door. With the zeal of the convert, I popped the

### It's less a diet, more a personalised way to future-proof my health

vial into the provided returns box and got it in the post ASAP.

Day three involved eating the first two batches of muffins, testing blood fat and blood sugar. One portion was for breakfast and exactly four hours later came the lunch batch. Truly, I have never tasted a

less appealing muffin. I knew they had been formulated in the name of science rather than pleasure, but I had not anticipated gagging on them. It took a full 20 minutes to get the 'lunch' down, an unprecedented pastry-eating speed!

Two hours later, I took the simple fingerprick blood test. Again, a medical returns envelope was provided, and I forgot about the results for the best part of a month.

During this time the app encouraged me to monitor what I was eating by logging each meal in the diary within it, and gave me daily mini lectures on nutrition.

As time passed I also realised that my previous resistance to 'spending so much time being dictated to by a bloody app' had been a little off; those ten minutes while I made morning coffee (now black rather than milky) were vastly preferable to the endless ticker tape of self-recriminations, mental calorie arithmetic and gazing at photos of days gone by that had so recently dominated my mental landscape.

I am ashamed to say I once worked out that you could do a step monitor by attaching it to a knitting needle while making socks and watching Endeavour. Now, I

feel different, not least because I don't feel bossed around.

Daily updates on the app informed me that portion sizes are not logged and no foods are ever entirely off-limits. This made my heart sing — my precious collection of cookbooks didn't have to gather dust, I just had to work out which recipes within were going to work better for me.

Furthermore, the app revealed that calories were never again to be counted. The morning I was told that 'only you can determine the right amount of food you need to satisfy your needs' I wanted to cry with relief.

When my results finally arrived, there were more than 100 PDF pages, including the exact names of bacteria inside my gut plus how my data measures up against the rest of those who have taken the ZOE Predict Study.

At first, the documents were overwhelming. But each member has an online appointment with their designated coach at this point to talk them through it.

In short, my results boiled down to the fact that my body deals well with fat, that I have a wide variety of 'good' bacteria and relatively

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## Life's LITTLE luxuries

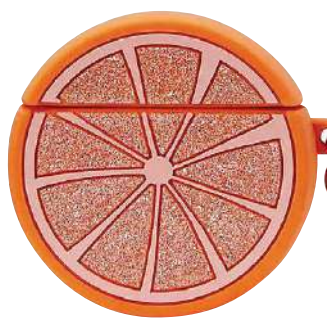
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FRANCESCA DALE



# HOW TO DRESS LIKE A GROWN UP

Shane Watson



SOMETIMES the name of an article of clothing puts you off. I wouldn't wear culottes, for example, but I'm happy in cropped trousers — culottes by another name.

I don't mind 'tank top' (I loved the 1970s), but I know it's a trigger for many women who wore theirs, first time around, with a pointy collared nylon blouse, bell bottoms and a mullet. And that's a pity because they're missing out on one of the most useful items you can have in your wardrobe today.

The tank top we're talking about — call it a sleeveless sweater if it helps — has come a long way since its Bay City Rollers days and even since it bounced into the fashion top ten last year.

Now it has shed its quirky, retro image (you can still get a jolly patterned tank top, but they're the exception) and neatened up, and evolved into a smart, layering piece.

More and more of us are wearing tank tops as we've discovered they are an instant sharpener — you look more pulled together in a trim sleeveless sweater over your shirt — not to mention ideal for inbetween seasons, when a third of a sweater is needed.

FOR work it can be hard to look smart in sweaters, jackets can be too hot, shirts on their own, too under-dressed, but all of the above issues are solved by a lightweight tank.

I like the way a tank gives an ordinary shirt a preppy punch (a dash of preppiness is a shortcut to looking smart this autumn), but also how it contains you. The reason we all love a gilet in winter is they give us a bit of definition; the same is true of a tank top, only it's a lot more versatile and, providing it comes in a mid-weight knit — not too flimsy but not bulky either — tank tops can be very flattering.

This is once again the autumn of the show-off sleeve and the smart tank allows you to reveal the balloon sleeves of your blouse while keeping the look neat and work friendly.

It also means you can wear all your pretty summer tops well into the autumn. For this you simply need a tank that finishes neatly on the shoulders — nothing with slim straps and certainly not cutaway scoop shoulders. Cos does a black V-neck vest (£59, [cos.com](http://cos.com)). The same rule goes

## Prep up your look with this season's Power Tank



Picture: GOFFPHOTOS.COM

On trend: Kendall Jenner

for oversize shirts: wear the tank top longer in the body, with side slits, and let the shirt tails peep out underneath.

Marks & Spencer does a long-line V-neck style in cable knit camel (£29.50, [marksandspencer.com](http://marksandspencer.com)) and a cream crew-neck style with cap sleeves (£22.50), while Kin has a looser-fit shape, also cap-sleeved, in navy (£45, [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com)).

Cap sleeves make the look a bit more elegant and grown up and work well with wide-leg trousers — though not

### TANK TOPS: THE RULES

- LOOK for side splits.
- LACE stitch adds texture.
- WEAR over a puff-sleeved shirt.
- OR ALONE under a jacket.

if you're planning to wear a jacket.

Round-neck tanks look best in shorter lengths, wear them with waisted trousers or skirts. A tank top that drapes softly over a waistband prevents you from looking too tucked in.

Tanks also add texture — so you're not all shirt and suiting — as well as colour. I wouldn't wear a bright pink shirt with my trouser suit, but I might wear one of Zara's bright knit tanks (£19.99, [zara.com](http://zara.com)) this winter when colour is a way of making tailoring look new.

Don't worry, though, you don't have to go that far to reboot your look: La Redoute's ecru tank top would lift a dark shirt and trousers (£25, [laredoute.co.uk](http://laredoute.co.uk)) and a round-neck cream tank always looks smart with black or navy.

When it comes to the evening (no reason to stop wearing your smart tank after dark), a tank is a clever way of tidying up a creased work blouse. Or you could wear a textured one like Cos's boucle cream vest (£45) on its own, under a jacket, with gold chains.

I like Cos or Boden for the casual end of smart casual and Me+Em when you need to look smarter. Me+Em does a range of tank tops from clean edge V-necks (£115, [meandem.com](http://meandem.com)) to more luxurious lace-stitch vests to wear over a satin blouse with midi skirts and boots or wide-leg trousers. If only everything were this simple.

# Styles that City supremo Helena



<< Dress, £495, crepe jacket, £295, [thefoldlondon.com](http://thefoldlondon.com); earrings, £95, [merola.co.uk](http://merola.co.uk); shoes, £229, [lkbennett.com](http://lkbennett.com)

<< Dress, £450, [thefoldlondon.com](http://thefoldlondon.com); shoes, £229, [lkbennett.com](http://lkbennett.com); necklace, £70, [talischains.co.uk](http://talischains.co.uk)

LAST WEEK, I left the house one day at 7am and got back at 11pm. The morning consisted of back-to-back meetings and the afternoon several speaking engagements.

It was exhausting but my wardrobe worked as hard — if not harder — than me. A smart coat had been required but nothing too warm as it wasn't



by Helena Morrissey

cold. I needed elegant shoes that wouldn't bite and trousers that didn't pinch at the waist.

Polly McMaster, founder of label The Fold and a mother of two, knows the importance of smart yet feminine

## Think you know everything about...

ADRIAN MOLE

1 IT will be the 40th anniversary of The Secret Diary Of Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾ on October 7. What was Adrian originally called? A. Dylan; B. Tarquin; C. Nigel; D. Sue.

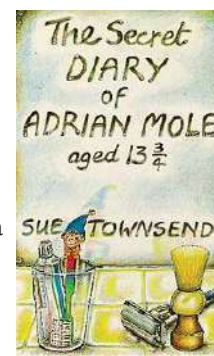
2 AUTHOR Sue Townsend said she didn't know what Adrian looked like until she saw... who on TV? A. Rowan Atkinson as Mr Bean; B. Noel Edmonds; C. Jeremy Paxman; D. John Major.

3 TRUE OR FALSE: Townsend said she wrote the book for middle-aged men.

4 WHICH of these did the book NOT achieve? A. Sold a million copies within a year.

B. Topped the hardback and paperback bestseller lists at the same time. C. Made Townsend the bestselling writer of the 1980s. D. Made its author the first to earn more than \$1 billion from her books.

5 WHICH of the following is a line from Mole? A. 'An anarchic insurrection had been launched by one of my privates.' B. 'In my mind, I'm probably



the biggest sex maniac you ever saw.' C. 'I was racked with sexuality but it wore off when I helped my father put manure on our rose bed.' D. 'You wouldn't think girls would like sex. You'd think it's too rude for them.'

6 TRUE OR FALSE: The 16th-century Tudor boy king Edward VI and former prime minister David Cameron have both been compared to the fictional diarist.



# work as hard as you

## Morrissey lauds the label that does the job



<< Dress, £695, [thefoldlondon.com](http://thefoldlondon.com); belt, stylist's own; shoes, £229, [lkbennett.com](http://lkbennett.com)

<< Jacket, £395, blouse, £250, and trousers, £225, [thefoldlondon.com](http://thefoldlondon.com); shoes, £229, [lkbennett.com](http://lkbennett.com)

Top, £365, and trousers £335, [thefoldlondon.com](http://thefoldlondon.com); shoes, £229, [lkbennett.com](http://lkbennett.com)

<< Dress, £375, [thefoldlondon.com](http://thefoldlondon.com); shoes, £229, [lkbennett.com](http://lkbennett.com)

outfits. She once showed me the secret of her comfortable yet elegant heels: padded insoles. She is conscious of her tummy, so often features draping.

For its tenth anniversary, The Fold has launched a capsule of ten looks. I particularly like the cream jacket and cerulean blue dress — there's also a suit in the same shade. The power dress in plum reminds me of Roland Mouret and there are black, tailored trousers with a subtle elasticated waist.

Polly believes women benefit from

demonstrating style and substance in the workplace. On her first day in one job, of four women, all but one were wearing the same suit, underlining the lack of choice in workwear back then. She had spotted a gap in the market.

It's hard to find business basics — for example a top that doesn't look too casual or too Margaret Thatcher — but The Fold's burgundy silk blouse fits the bill. It is just one example of well-cut clothes for working women who want to look high-end without catwalk prices.

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SCAN ME

The one lesson I've learned from life

## Jockey Sam Waley-Cohen

THE founder and CEO of Portman Healthcare, Sam Waley-Cohen, is a retired amateur jockey who won his final race, the Grand National, in 2022 with odds of 50/1. He is a friend of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Sam and his wife Annabel Ballin, who owns a children's party business, have three children.

### IT'S WHO YOU'RE WITH THAT MATTERS

I'VE always hated feeling like I have under-performed and haven't fulfilled my potential. But, at the same time, I think each time that you have an experience where you think, 'I didn't do my best there', it's an opportunity for learning.

If I hadn't ridden the Grand National course 40 times and made many, many mistakes, I never would have won the race in 2022. All that cumulative knowledge came into play that day.

Getting a balance in life has been



important. I'm an entrepreneur and started my group of dental practices, Portman, in 2009. It's become pretty consuming now as we employ about 4,000 people and have 200 dental practices across Europe.

The racing was an outlet. The training and the discipline was completely different to the business and helped me keep all of it in perspective. If you love something you can find the time.

At the end of the day, family is the most important thing. My racing career was a journey for me and my Dad. We've travelled about the country, thousands of miles, enjoyed the successes and commiserated the failures together.

When my younger brother Thomas died of bone cancer when he was 20, it taught me that life is short. If there are opportunities, grab them and live life to the full. I think Thomas dying made me want to seize every moment of every day and make the most of it.

After winning the Grand National, after all the media and the presentation ceremony, it was 9.30pm. We were about two-and-a-half hours from home and my wife and I said: 'Right, what shall we do? Well, we'd better drive home.' It was a very un-glamorous end to the day!

I think what that shows is whether you've had a great win or a crushing defeat, the world will keep on turning as usual. It's who you have around you that really matters.

■ [ebonyhorseclub.org.uk](http://ebonyhorseclub.org.uk)

Interview: ANTONIA LENON

Styling: DINAH VAN TULLEKEN, Pictures: JONNY STOREY, Hair and make-up: DESMOND at JOY GOODMAN using BAREMINERALS and MOROCCANOIL, Model: ANTONIA at HIVE

Picture: MURRAY SANDERS/DAILY MAIL

## ANSWERS

### 1) C. Nigel

MOLE'S debut was in a BBC Radio 4 play, but his creator Sue Townsend was persuaded the name was too similar to another fictional schoolboy, Geoffrey Willans' Nigel Molesworth. Townsend said: 'I made lists of soft-sounding names. He could never have been called "Steve", for instance.'

### 2) D. John Major

SHE said: 'I couldn't imagine what he looked like until I saw John Major on the television and Margaret Thatcher was

introducing her Cabinet. There was this geeky-looking man at the back. I said to my children: "My God, that's Adrian Mole!" Private Eye magazine went on to publish spoof extracts from what they called: The Secret Diary Of John Major, Aged 47½.

### 3) FALSE

IN FACT, Townsend — who as a youth worker spent a lot of time with adolescents — said she intended it 'for mothers of teenage boys to give them an inkling of what goes on' in their son's head.

4) D. Made its author the first to earn more than \$1 billion from her books. THAT honour was J.K. Rowling's.

### 5) C. 'I was racked with sexuality but it wore off when I helped my father put manure on our rose bed'

A. Is from Philip Roth's Portnoy's Complaint; B. J.D. Salinger's The Catcher In The Rye; D. Doing It, by Melvin Burgess.

### 6) TRUE

HISTORIAN David Starkey compared Edward VI's diary to Mole's. The teenage diarist was born on April 2, 1967 (sharing a birthday with Townsend), meaning former Prime Minister David Cameron would have been in the same school year, as one political commentator pointed out.

ETAN SMALLMAN



by Kate Spicer

AUTHOR OF LOST DOG: A LOVE STORY

**D**R ROGER Mugford, one of Britain's leading animal psychologists, first met the Queen in 1983: 'I received a referral from a veterinary surgeon.'

The notes from the vet described 'a lady in Windsor who had a large number of dogs, with a history of repeated dog fights, and humans suffering puncture wounds'.

A day before the appointment, Dr Mugford was advised the client was, in fact, Her Majesty the Queen. 'Members of the household had been bitten breaking up dog fights, including the Queen Mother, whose Dachshund-Corgi cross ran with the pack belonging to her daughter.'

And it was quite a pack: 'There were nine when I was present.'

'Coping with nine dogs in a fight would be quite a challenge for anyone...' he says, with dry British understatement.

The Queen had more than 30 Corgis during her reign, and while she loved her horses and her working dogs, it was the Corgis and the Dorgis (those famous Windsor-bred accidental Dachshund/Corgi crosses) that were physically closest to her — arguably closer than friends, even family.

While she kept separate rooms from her husband, apparently the dogs sometimes shared the royal bedchamber.

The second Elizabethan Age saw them everywhere: their little legs leaping down the steps of her air transport, or being carried up them by liveried handlers; they appeared snoozing on her bed as she sipped her morning tea; under her desk as she read documents of state, and on the sofa as she posed for informal portraits, as well as photobombing the formal ones, like that with the England rugby team at Buckingham Palace after they'd won the 2003 World Cup.

In the background of those country shoots with kilts and sturdy shoes, little toast-coloured hillocks can often be spotted. The Queen's furry entourage followed her around, as Princess Diana so famously said, 'like a moving carpet'.

'Canines aren't like humans and it is not at all helpful to anthropomorphise their emotions,' says Dr Mugford.

Still, one can't help wondering how they are faring now. Will her remaining dogs be experiencing a sense of loss?

**O**FTEN reported signs of a dog's 'grief' include looking around for the person, retreating to a spot where they slept or sat, eating less and sleeping more.

Dog behaviourist Winkie Spiers regularly sees evidence in dogs of what we might call grief: 'It manifests as stress and anxiety; their rock is gone.'

'They have a fully functioning limbic system — the area in the brain that deals with emotion, as well as arousal and memories. Dogs feel and know things. They can have a sort of precognition; when people are dying, they know.'

Dog behaviourist Janine Davenport agrees. 'They will notice her not being there and will have an emotional reaction to a human not returning, but they will not understand why. Consequently, they may wait at a similar or usual place each day for the return of the deceased human. You could call this a "grieving" stage but it may not last long.'

Dr Mugford, however, has faith in the Queen's dogs' resilience. 'We can certainly imagine that a dog will, to use the human term, "grieve" but if they're in a sociable and busy household, which these dogs very much were, they likely will not go into a great decline.'

Certainly, the Queen was alert to the cruelty of leaving dogs behind

after her death. Sharing with many dog owners a sensitivity not to leave dogs behind, she told horse trainer Monty Roberts in 2015 that she would have no more new dogs.

Despite this, Prince Andrew and his daughters gave her two Corgi puppies to comfort her after the death of her husband last year.

The Queen's dresser and confidante, Angela Kelly, said at the time: 'I was worried they would get under the Queen's feet, but they have turned out to be a godsend. They are beautiful and great fun, and the Queen often takes long walks with them in [Windsor's] Home Park.'

According to reports, Princess

Beatrice and her father were regularly walking the dogs at Balmoral in the months leading up to the Queen's death. And it's been confirmed that the Duke of York's household will take the Corgis.

According to Dr Mugford, they will have their work cut out.

'Corgis are a working breed, designed for a hard life driving cattle on Welsh hills. I can assure you that the Queen's Corgis were not treated like lapdogs.'

'My first childhood Corgi [Dr Mugford has owned three] was a cattle-driving working dog. Corgis herd cattle by nipping at their tough heels. If you ran and they couldn't stop you, they would nip.

One can see how a guardsman would be very tempting.'

Dr Mugford was an admirer of the 'lady in Windsor' and her canine husbandry, but he does not suggest her dogs were perfect.

'The Queen became something of a collector of dogs,' says Dr Mugford. 'At one point, the pack count got up to an eccentric 11.'

'She told me she would drive herself and her dogs in a beat-up old estate car — a Vauxhall, I think — from Windsor up the M4 to Buckingham Palace.'

'She was very open discussing her favourite subjects: dogs and horses. Prince Philip suggested she should bring numbers down, and she could have saved herself



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## Royal favourites: The Queen with two of her pets in 1962

my fee because that was my advice to her, too. Especially as she travelled a lot, and care for her dogs fell to others who were not as proficient as she was.'

There were only three dogs left in the Queen's household pack when she died: two Corgis, Muick and Sandy, and a cocker spaniel, Lissy.

For all the staff who helped manage them (two footmen at Buckingham Palace were apparently allocated to the Corgis alone, known as Doggie One and Doggie Two) and all the weeks that she might be away, Dr Mugford says it was still the Queen they responded to as boss.

'Absolutely, she was the authority in the group [of dogs]. The way in which at mealtime, she personally supervised the food and they were all lined up, sitting in a semi-circle, showed a degree of control even I would find hard to emulate.'

Her training style, he says, 'was firm and authoritative, in the Barbara Woodhouse style. In most of photos you see of her with them, they are off lead.'

'They were certainly free all the time I saw them. That shows substantial authority, to manage nine dogs off lead. She was firm and kind, and she treated them all as individuals.'

**W**HILE most of the dogs had a very sound relationship, occasional fights broke out,' Dr Mugford adds. 'One, Chipper, tended to pick fights with the others. Dog fights are really scary and a sure-fire way to be bitten.'

The Queen took Dr Mugford's advice to reduce the size of the group — choosing to let her beloved 'carpet' naturally decrease in numbers as they died. Chipper was rehomed to Princess Anne.

Dr Mugford continued providing occasional ad hoc expert advice to the royal Corgi and Dorgi clan and went on to work for another less than perfect royal dog, an English Bull Terrier called Dotty.

He provided expert witness for Dotty's owner, Princess Anne, when she was prosecuted under the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act. His account — which proved the dog had not intended to bite a young boy in Windsor Great Park, but his bicycle wheels — saved Dotty from death row.

'The informality, the plain funniness of a

group of dogs was clearly a source of constant amusement to the Queen,' says Dr Mugford, a specialist in the psychology behind the human/animal bond.

Alexander Pope, the 18th-century satirist, rarely went anywhere without his guardian and trusted ally, a Great Dane called Bounce, and once said: 'Histories are more full of examples of the fidelity of dogs than of friends.'

When the Queen's great-grandfather, King Edward VII, died in May 1910, his loyal wire fox terrier, named Caesar, roamed the corridors of Buckingham Palace looking for his master.

Caesar went on to walk behind the coffin at his master's funeral, beside a Highland soldier and ahead of heads of state.

Perhaps we can expect the same at today's funeral of a Queen, who so clearly found solace in the companionship of her dogs.

# From an animal behaviourist who provided guidance about the royal dogs for years, an intriguing insight... Yes, the CORGIS will grieve for the QUEEN of the pack





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## William and Harry should go to therapy together

**T**HE whole country held its breath recently when Princes William and Harry went on a joint walkabout with their wives to view the floral tributes at Windsor Castle.

It had been rumoured that they were no longer speaking, and they hadn't been pictured together since the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral last April. Surely this is what the Queen would have wanted — to bring the warring brothers together in their time of grief?

The Princes have been putting on a united front at the events surrounding their grandmother's lying-in-state and will be together again at her funeral today.

But what we all want to know is: will the truce last?

Fallouts with relatives are always complicated. I have sat in many family therapy sessions over the years and these kinds of rifts always have incredibly deep-seated, complex roots.

Even in cases where one person seems to be clearly in the wrong, the purpose of any group therapy is to try to help everyone understand what has happened and reach a resolution.

While a schism can be triggered by a specific event, it is usually the culmination of age-old wounds that have not healed.

Family members can be baffled about what's really going on until they start therapy together.

**H**ARRY has behaved unreasonably — on the face of it at least. He wants to escape the duties of royal life but still have its privileges.

And Meghan has made some incredibly hurtful and damaging claims in public, which must have been exceptionally painful for the royals.

On paper, they would appear to be a couple with whom it would be hard to reconcile.

But I have no doubt that this feud runs deeper than just recent events. We cannot know what really lies behind the falling-out — the deep wounds on both sides that caused the split.

The display of unity we have seen over the past week or so —

while an enormous gesture — is only the beginning. A lasting reconciliation will, I suspect, require the brothers to meet privately in order to try to understand each other's pain.

I would urge them to do so with a family therapist so they can properly understand what happened to their once heart-warming bond.

At a later date, their wives and father might be invited to attend, too. This is the only way key issues can be addressed.

Harry has spoken about having therapy himself, which is to be commended, but there is sometimes a risk that too much introspection can lead to self-pity, with the patient becoming stuck.

To be able to move on, it is helpful to sit down and try to understand what is going on between the individuals, rather than simply focusing on one person's feelings. This involves getting both parties in the same room.

I've often had patients astonished by what their relatives tell them. They'd had no idea that certain things that happened many years ago were being played out again and again within the family.

But family therapy isn't about attributing blame. It's about trying to help the different

parties understand how a situation has developed. It's a study in profound interpersonal understanding and empathy.

A therapist may focus on analysing a previous grievance, or review a past incident and suggest alternative ways family members might have responded to one another at the time.

They might also address sources of conflict at a more abstract level, such as pointing out patterns of interaction that may have gone unnoticed.

Family therapists tend to be more interested in the maintenance or solving of problems, rather than in trying to identify a single cause. They are focused on finding a way forward, rather than simply looking back.

The reality of reconciliation is that, whatever the circumstances may be, there are only a certain number of ways it can end.

The ideal solution is that everyone listens to each other; understands the roots of each other's pain; and is able to put pride aside and apologise, even if what they did was unwitting or unintentional.

They come to an understanding of how a situation has developed and how it can be prevented in the future. They do this in the

spirit of moving forward, with the knowledge that they will need to think about the patterns that have emerged and address them in a constructive way.

Sometimes they have to agree that the past is in the past and to put it behind them. The relationship will never be as cordial as it once was, as the wounds are still there.

**B**UT occasionally it is clear that at least one party is not ready to address their behaviour. I have had therapy sessions where family members have simply refused to attend, and an empty chair is placed where they would sit.

In this instance, it is accepted that the relationship is unlikely to be salvaged. Instead, individuals work on their own to try to understand what has happened and, hopefully, no longer feel aggrieved. They accept that they cannot change the person, and then they move on.

More often than not, while some of the individuals dreaded the prospect of family therapy, once they attend, they are astonished at how helpful it is.

In 20 years I can count on one hand the number of people who have told me it didn't help. The most frequent feedback is that they wish they'd done it sooner.

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## At 19, Lila's a growing (role) model

LILA MOSS was photographed at Tom Ford's New York Fashion Week presentation with her insulin pump proudly on display. Good for her. No matter that she's a successful model and the daughter of Kate Moss, it takes courage for a 19-year-old to do that.

I've had a number of young patients with Type 1 diabetes over the years and, while insulin pumps have revolutionised the way the condition is treated, people are often self-conscious about them.

I remember one young woman who'd never been to the beach because she was so worried that people would see her insulin pump.

She felt it marked her out as 'different' from her friends when all she wanted to be was the same as them. It sometimes takes a celebrity in the public eye to show that there's no reason to be ashamed.

■ *DETAILS* have emerged about HRT that is now available over the counter, and unfortunately it's not quite the game changer we hoped. It's not conventional HRT and, crucially, it won't help with some symptoms of the menopause (such as hot flushes) or protect against heart disease. That's because it's a pessary that contains a low-level oestrogen that's not absorbed into the body. While it does help with vaginal atrophy (that's uncomfortable thinning, drying and inflammation), it doesn't have the systemic effects of a tablet or gel. Women still find it difficult to get the right menopause diagnosis, and supply chain issues are causing shortages of HRT for all the women who need it.

## DR MAX PRESCRIBES... QUEEN'S BEST QUOTES

THIS book was published some time ago but I picked it off my shelf after the sad news of the Queen's death, and it did raise my spirits. You Look Awfully Like The Queen is packed full of wit and anecdotes from Her Majesty and the Royal Family. It reminds us how, despite all the pomp and ceremony that came with her title, she was only human and had a rather wicked sense of humour at times.





# Heartbreaking, inspiring to see the world before



## CAMEL TREKKING

Desert adventure: The family in Mongolia. Laurent, five, wanted to drink juice while riding a camel

**L**IKE so many mums, Edith Lemay is a tad photo-obsessed. During the epic family holiday she is now on, she has taken thousands of pictures.

She sends me a file with the edited highlights. It contains nearly 400 photographs — wonderful images of not only her children's wide smiles, but of glorious sunsets, waterfalls, wildlife, rainbows. The best you can see of the world, basically.

'I take a lot of pictures,' she admits. 'I'm a little crazy on that side, but it's my way of coping. I want to capture every single part of this trip so that my children will be able to see the pictures for as long as possible.'

'Looking at photographs only requires a small field of vision. It's about building that



## OPEN-AIR SWIMMING

Taking the plunge: A refreshing dip in the cool waters of Turkey

## 'It's about building the hard disk of their memories'

memory, on top of what they actually see — the hard disk of their memories, in a way.'

You may have gathered that this is no ordinary family holiday. Edith, 44, her husband Sebastian, 45, and their four children are on what she calls a 'making visual memories' adventure.

In short, they are seeing the world in the most literal sense — and while they still can, because three of Edith's four children are slowly going blind.

In 2018 their eldest child, Mia, now 11, was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a cruel condition which causes visual cells to break down, gradually stealing the eyesight. The condition is genetic, although the defective genes responsible had never made their presence known in the wider family before.

'We were both carriers, without us knowing,' says Edith. 'There was no history in either family. They told us we had a one-in-four chance of transmitting this to our children. Unfortunately, we got three out of four.'

By the time the family realised what they were dealing with — that Mia was already on a trajectory towards blindness — their two youngest sons, Colin, seven, and Laurent, five, were also showing symptoms.

'As soon as they told us Mia had it, I knew my two youngest children had it, too,' says Edith.

The diagnosis confirmed that Leo, nine, was the only child likely



## MEETING THE LOCALS

Hug time: The four children make friends with a family in Namibia

by Jenny Johnston

to reach adulthood with his vision intact. They found themselves in a distressing situation, of course, but after the initial shock and denial ('I think it was like the stages of grief,' Edith admits), this remarkable couple resolved to fill their children's young minds with as many unforgettable images as possible.

And real images — from life, not ones from books or the internet. 'It really was a case of, "Why look at an elephant in a book when we can go and see the real thing."' Edith says.

A trip of a lifetime was planned. They sat down with their children and asked them where in the world they would like to go and, more pertinently, what they would

like to see there. The results were charming, and a little unexpected. 'We drew up a bucket list, not so much about the countries or the places, but about activities.'

What did they really want to do? 'Mia is horse-mad so she wanted to ride horses. Colin wanted to sleep on a train or a boat. Laurent, the little one, was a bit too young to understand but he made us laugh. He wanted to drink juice while sitting on a camel.'

Off they went, to find a camel. And the rest. They rented out their house for a year and did that thing most people dream of but rarely do (or can rarely afford to do) and just took off.

Since they departed their native Canada six months ago, the family

have visited Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania, Turkey, Mongolia and Indonesia. When I catch up with Edith they are in Bali, around halfway through their trip.

What have they seen so far? Perhaps the better question would be, what haven't they seen? Wildlife ticked off the list includes elephants, giraffes, zebras and cheetahs, most seen on safari in Africa. 'We saw a giraffe on our first day. Laurent said: "Is it real?"'

Mia got to ride her wild horses — in Mongolia. They have also slept in a yurt, taken a hot-air balloon, pitched their tents in the Gobi desert and swum in thermal pools in Turkey. And the camel?

'Oh yes, Laurent got on his camel. We even found him some juice to have on it.'

The original plan had been to start the trip in 2020, kicking off in Russia and China, but Covid scuppered that. So they set off, from Montreal, in March this year.

While the couple are clearly

comfortably off — Sebastian works in finance, Edith in logistics — the trip was made possible when Sebastian's company was bought out, leading to a one-off bonus payment. Edith calls it their 'gift from life'.

'We'd had some pretty bad numbers, so when this happened we felt really blessed. It allowed us to do this on the scale we are doing it.'

Edith and Sebastian had never even heard of this rare condition before, but it was issues with Mia's night vision that led to them seeking medical help.

'She would walk into things, stumble in the bedroom. She didn't seem to have a problem with seeing things in the day, but at night there would be issues. Mia was our first child. We thought maybe the eyes were slower to develop in children.'

When she was around six, they started Googling 'night-vision issues' and read of this condition.

## ADMIRING THE SUNSET

Awe-inspiring: The cliffs in Mongolia



Beach fun: Balancing on a rope swing in Tanzania



# ... the family who went their children go blind



**REINDEER MAGIC**

So fur, so good: Stroking some antlers in Mongolia



**CUDDLING A TORTOISE**

Shelling out: Leo, nine, got to grips with this giant in Tanzania

After seeking help, they went through a series of tests, and were devastated when the news was broken. Retinitis pigmentosa is not treatable — and the prognosis can sound bleak.

Problems with night vision usually lead to issues with peripheral vision. The field of vision shrinks. Sometimes the end result will be complete blindness; sometimes some sight is retained. There is no way of knowing, and no way of predicting the path.

'And just because one child progresses in a certain way, it does not mean that the others will follow,' says their mum. 'It makes everything hard to plan for.' Edith seems a very positive, pragmatic

person, but admits she went to pieces at the start. 'I collapsed,' she says. 'Not in front of Mia, but in a side room.'

It took another year to confirm what she already knew: that this was affecting three of her children. All three have issues already. As well as problems with night vision, they have sensitivity to light and have been advised to wear sunglasses. 'Which we try to do as much as possible' — but it can be difficult in the evening because of their existing issues with night vision.

This trip has thrown up a few extra issues — sand in their eyes in the desert, for instance — but they have been determined to get round them. 'We do have to make

sure we have headlamps with us if we go out in the evening.'

What do the children know about their condition? Mia was told when she was seven. 'I had to have that conversation, telling her that she was going to go blind,' says Edith. 'She said: "Oh, that isn't fun," and then didn't say anything else. I thought she didn't quite understand.'

'A few days later she came in and said she would have to learn to keep her room tidy because when she can't see, she'll need to have everything in the same place. Then I caught her practising going from room to room with her eyes closed.'

More recently, Laurent has reached the 'questions stage'. 'He asked me: "What does being blind mean?" — and I realised he didn't actually know. I explained it in terms of having your eyes closed, but then he started to think about it. He asked: "How will I drive a car? How will I cross the road?

Will my wife be blind?" You just answer their questions as best you can but, honestly, it mostly isn't an issue. They have taught us how to handle it.'

And the children are astonishing in their resilience, as children often are. 'Mia now says: "That's in the future." On a day-to-day basis, it doesn't bother them.'

The gradual decline is a tricky thing to navigate. Edith says they have wondered how much they should be preparing their children for life ahead with visual impairment. Should they be teaching them Braille, for instance?

'The answer was no. It's very difficult to learn Braille when you can see, and we have no way of knowing if they will need it. There are so many technological advances with their phones, too [for example, with audiobooks]. We just have to wait and see.'

Another parenting dilemma is managing expectations. Edith says that one of the things she has

found difficult is that Mia wants to be a surgeon when she grows up. 'Should we try to steer her away from that? But who am I to say she can't?'

You couldn't meet a more positive, can-do family though. The shared experience is a comfort. Certainly, the younger boys are able to follow Mia's very calm lead.

Edith says another reason for the trip was to show her children the real world — and the unfairness of some of it. 'We have met families who have no running water, no electricity. It has shown them that people are suffering on a lot of levels and that we are incredibly lucky. Yes, as a family we have challenges, but so does everyone.'

Their trip sounds hard work ('We are not staying in five-star luxury. It's very much tents and buses') but also a blast.

Over the coming six months they plan to travel to Malaysia, Thailand, Borneo and, hopefully, Cambodia. Any specifics that are still on their bucket list? 'Whales,' laughs Edith. 'And a volcano — preferably a live one, with lava, but I'm not sure how viable that is.'

*'Mia wanted to ride horses, Colin wanted to sleep on a train or boat'*





# Hannah Betts

## Better...not younger

**S**KINCARE-WISE, all of us have our thing. After a high SPF — the ultimate essential for me and most dermatologists — I love an oil.

As summer gives way to autumn, there's nothing I relish more than layering face oil under my sunscreen or slathering my aching features in an aromatherapeutic slick come evening.

If I open my desk-drawer-cum-dressing table... actually, I can't, because it's crammed with glass bottles full of golden shimmer — 30ml of oil lasts a long time.

My latest joy is Augustinus Bader The Face Oil (£68 for 10ml, [augustinusbader.com](http://augustinusbader.com)). The original cult cream made me break out in tiny pimples — a reaction to a preservative.

However, Professor Bader's (slightly Sunday-roast-scented) oil is heaven on my complexion, imparting instant gleam thanks to TFC8, or 'Trigger Factor Complex'. This patented tech comprises more than 40 ingredients and was created following 30 years of research and clinical study.

My other daytime favourites are simpler: Willowberry Nutrient Boost Face Oil (£26.99 for 30ml, [willowberry.co.uk](http://willowberry.co.uk)), designed for hydration past 40; Trilogy Aromatic Certified Organic Rosehip Oil (£36.50, [trilogyproducts.co.uk](http://trilogyproducts.co.uk)), that globally loved classic; and Charlotte Tilbury Collagen Superfusion Face Oil (£25 for 8ml, [charlottetilbury.com](http://charlottetilbury.com)), which is scented with soothing lavender.

**B**Y NIGHT, I favour Neom's sleep-inducing Perfect Night's Sleep Face Oil (£43, [neomorganics.com](http://neomorganics.com)); Votary's best-selling Intense Night Oil: Rosehip & Retinoid (£135, [votary.co.uk](http://votary.co.uk)); and my 'If everything else vanished, I'd be extremely happy with just this' obsession — Dr Michael Prager's Night Oil With Retinol (£90, [pragerskincare.com](http://pragerskincare.com)). When I put it on, by morning all is glorious.

At this point, I should disclose that plenty of professionals detest face oils, seeing them as superficial, at best, and positively damaging, at worst.

A Skinceuticals facialist was appalled the other day when I confessed my love of using oils for cleansing and moisturising. Dermatologists frequently warn against them.

Dr Anita Sturnham is a GP specialising in dermatology, who

## Sorry, but I just can't give up my addiction to posh face oils

### Race you to it!

**PHILIP KINGSLEY Bond Builder Restorative Oil Lipid Shield (£26, [philipkingsley.co.uk](http://philipkingsley.co.uk)) hit the shelves at the start of this month and is already adored. The lightweight hair treatment replenishes lipids lost from heat styling and chemical processing. Customers say that after one use, hair feels stronger, shinier, softer and more buoyant.**

congestion and bacterial overgrowth.' When she tells me that my face appears in good nick, she notes: 'Perhaps you use other products that counteract the negative impact of oils — good fighting evil and keeping the skin neutral.'

'I'd need to assess your hidden dermal layers to see whether your regimen is leading to issues that may present themselves in the future.'

But Arabella Preston, the co-founder of Votary, is in the pro camp: 'You know your skin better than anyone else,' she cautions.

'As you age, maintaining a healthy and resilient skin barrier should be your number-one goal. Our skin is full of natural lipids (oils). As we age, just like all the other good stuff — collagen, elastin etc. — our oil levels

decrease. Skin is dryer and therefore more prone to sensitivity. That's why you need to up your hydration. Plant oils are a really good way of doing this.'

Dr Prager agrees: 'Anti-oil propaganda shows how much false information is dispensed by the beauty industry. There's no science behind any of these arguments. The free fatty acid chains in an oil work like an antioxidant, aiding repair and stabilising cell membranes.'

'There's a reason why natural oils have been used for thousands of years. They're a highly effective way of protecting skin — far more so than some designer moisturiser.'

'Brands add ceramides and peptides into synthetic moisturisers, but they are already part of natural oils. All this is down to the quality of the oil.'

To oil, or not to oil? All I can tell you is that they work beautifully on me, and many other midlifers. So pay your money and make your choice.

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## Golden glamour

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## My icon of the week

### PRINCESS ANNE

THE Princess Royal, 72, is an icon: straight-backed, tireless and doing her late mother proud. Princess Anne refused to take a hair stylist or make-up artist on her Australian tour this year, preferring to do things herself. Recreating her up-do for Netflix series The Crown took two hours, whereas it takes the Princess 'ten or 15 minutes' to style her hair.



Picture: EWAN BOOTMAN/SNS

## COSMETIC CRAVING

CREATED while he was Prince of Wales, Penhaligon's Highgrove Bouquet (£155, [penhaligons.com](http://penhaligons.com)) marks a collaboration between King Charles III and the scent stalwart. And it's an absolute blinder.

This sun-filled and suave white floral fragrance opens with weeping silver lime, which eliminates any cloying aspect. It

is a paean to Gloucestershire summers, all warm wood, lavender, mimosa and powdery orris root (iris).

The packaging is eco-friendly, and ten per cent of the proceeds will support The Prince's Foundation, providing training in areas such as traditional arts and crafts, horticulture, fashion and textiles, and sustainable food and farming.





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# PICK OF TODAY'S TV

## THE STATE FUNERAL OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II, 8AM, BBC1 & BBC2/9.30AM, ITV

HER MAJESTY Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral takes place at Westminster Abbey at 11am today. It is the first funeral service held at the Abbey for a British monarch since that of King George II in 1760. Around 2,000 guests will attend the hour-long televised service in the Abbey, which is expected to be one of the most watched live events in history. As the service draws to a close, there will be the sounding of the Last Post, followed by a two-minute silence around

the nation, before a Lament played by the Queen's Piper brings proceedings to a close. The service will be conducted by the Dean of Westminster, David Hoyle, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, giving the sermon. After the service, at 1pm, the coffin will be carried to Wellington Arch at London's Hyde Park Corner, via Whitehall and The Mall, passing Buckingham Palace. The coffin will then make its way by hearse to Windsor, where the Queen will be

buried at St George's Chapel, next to her husband, Prince Philip. The committal service conducted by the Dean of Windsor begins at 4pm and will be the final televised stage before the Queen's coffin is lowered into the royal vault. Huw Edwards, Kirsty Young, Fergal Keane, David Dimbleby and Sophie Raworth will be leading the BBC coverage, while Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham will be at the helm for ITV on what is sure to be an historic and emotional day.



	BBC 1	BBC 2	ITV	CHANNEL 4
	<b>6.00 Breakfast</b> (HD) A round-up of national and international news, plus current affairs, arts and entertainment, and weather. <b>8.00 PICK The State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II</b> (HD) Coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest. Huw Edwards and Fergal Keane will be covering events from London, Kirsty Young and David Dimbleby will be in Windsor, Sophie Raworth will be at Parliament Square, Anita Rani at the Long Walk at Windsor, and JJ Chalmers at Wellington Barracks. <b>5.00 BBC News</b> (HD) <b>5.50 BBC Regional News;</b> Weather <b>6.15 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered</b> (HD) Tributes to and stories of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on the day of her state funeral. <b>6.50 FILM CHOICE Paddington 2</b> (2017) (PG) ● (HD) The lovable little bear has settled into his new life with the Brown family in London, becoming a much-loved member of the local community — until his search for a birthday present for his aunt leads to him being framed as a thief. While the Browns try to clear Paddington's name, he tries to make himself at home in prison, winning over the other convicts and getting involved in an escape attempt. Comedy adventure, starring Hugh Bonneville, Hugh Grant and Sally Hawkins, with Ben Whishaw providing the voice of Paddington.	<b>6.30 Money for Nothing</b> (R,HD) <b>7.15 Antiques Road Trip</b> (R,HD) <b>8.00 PICK The State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II</b> (BSL,HD) Coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest. 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Clive Myrie asks questions on Francisco de Goya, <i>Peaky Blinders</i> , Team GB at the 2020 Olympics and the Philip Marlowe novels. <b>7.30 Only Connect</b> (HD) The Cryptics take on the Strigiformes. <b>8.00 University Challenge</b> (HD) Jeremy Paxman asks the questions as Coventry takes on Cardiff in a first-round match. <b>8.30 FILM CHOICE The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</b> (2018) (12) ◆ An author of detective fiction makes some life-changing friends at a famous literary society. Drama, starring Lily James, Tom Courtenay, Katherine Parkinson, Matthew Goode, Tom Courtenay and Michiel Huisman. <b>10.30 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling</b> (HD) The actor is given a taste of island life when his friend Phil MacHugh takes him on a journey back to his family's homeland of the Western Isles. <b>11.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star</b> (HD) The jewellers make a brooch inspired by Birmingham's rich culture and an ear cuff. <b>12.00 Celebrity MasterChef</b> (AD,BSL,R,HD) The five finalists prepare afternoon tea. <b>1.00 Mortimer &amp; Whitehouse: Gone Fishing</b> (BSL,R,HD) <b>1.30 This Is BBC2</b> (HD)	<b>6.00 Good Morning Britain</b> (HD) Special programme ahead of the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. <b>9.30 PICK Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral</b> (HD) Tom Bradby and Julie Etchingham present coverage from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is laid to rest. The programme includes the funeral service at Westminster Abbey, the mile-long military procession escorting The Queen through London, The Queen's final journey to Windsor, and the committal service at St George's Chapel. Tom and Julie are joined by a number of special guests and royal experts for their reflections and analysis of this historic moment. Mary Nightingale leads coverage from Westminster Abbey, while ITV Royal Editor Chris Ship is in London and Windsor. Rageh Omaar is with the armed forces at Wellington Barracks, Nina Hossain will be on the Long Walk in Windsor speaking to people paying their respects, and Charlene White speaks with mourners in London. <b>6.00 Regional News;</b> Weather (HD) <b>6.30 News;</b> Weather (HD) <b>7.30 Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers</b> (HD) A look back at a momentous fortnight in British history, chronicling the events that have marked the death of the Queen and the accession of King Charles III. <b>9.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> (HD) James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest. <b>10.00 News</b> (HD) (Followed by Weather) <b>10.50 Regional News</b> (HD) (Followed by Weather) <b>11.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> (R,HD) James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest. <b>12.00 The Queen Remembered</b> (R,HD) Documentary detailing the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.	<b>6.10 The World's Most Beautiful Landscapes: The Causeway Coast</b> (AD,R,HD) Robert Lindsay narrates. <b>6.55 Britain's Most Beautiful Landscapes: The Highlands</b> (AD,R,HD) Following the River Ness. <b>7.45 Britain's Most Beautiful Landscapes: The Lake District</b> (AD,R,HD) Taking in Helvellyn, Skiddaw, Ullswater and Borrowdale. <b>8.30 Britain's Most Beautiful Landscapes: Snowdonia</b> (AD,R,HD) <b>9.20 Secrets of the Royal Gardens</b> (AD,R,HD) London's royal parks. <b>10.05 Secrets of the Royal Gardens</b> (AD,R,HD) Gardens of royal houses. <b>10.55 Her Majesty the Queen</b> (AD,R,HD) A portrait of Queen Elizabeth II's life. <b>11.55 HM The Queen: Two Minutes' Silence</b> In memory of Elizabeth II. <b>12.00 A Queen is Crowned</b> (R,HD) Elizabeth II's 1953 Coronation in Westminster Abbey. <b>1.20 Channel 4 News Summary</b> (HD) <b>2.50 We'll Meet Again</b> (1943) (U) ● (b/w) Classic wartime musical, starring Vera Lynn and Geraldine. <b>4.10 Secrets of the Royal Gardens</b> (AD,R,HD) The gardens at Balmoral. <b>5.00 Coastal Railways with Julie Walters</b> (AD,R,HD) The West Highland Railway and Northumberland coast. <b>6.35 Devon and Cornwall</b> (AD,R,HD) <b>7.00 Channel 4 News</b> (HD) <b>8.00 Food Unwrapped</b> (AD,HD) Matt Tebbutt unbottles the mystery of wine sulphites and hangovers. <b>8.30 Jamie's One-Pan Wonders</b> (AD,HD) Jamie knocks out a flavour-packed supper. <b>9.00 24 Hours in A&amp;E</b> (AD,HD) Anthony is rushed to Resus after coming off his motor scooter on his 18th birthday. <b>9.50 First Dates</b> (AD,R,HD) Two divorcees go in search of a more successful match. <b>10.40 First Dates</b> (AD,R,HD) A 19-year-old computer enthusiast goes on the first date of his life, while a music producer and a singer who both enjoyed pop success in the 1970s meet at Fred's restaurant. <b>11.30 UEFA Nations League Magazine Show</b> (HD) Action from the opening four rounds. <b>11.55 Walter Presents: Sisterhood</b> (HD) Icelandic crime drama. Skeletal remains are found in a gravel mine outside a small town. <b>12.45 999: On the Front Line</b> (AD,R,HD) 1.35 My Grandparents' War: Kit Harington (AD,BSL,R,HD) 2.25 FILM: Pebbles (2021) (15) ◆ (HD) Premiere. Drama, with Chellapandi. 3.35 Grand Designs: The Streets (AD,BSL,R,HD) 4.25 Couples Come Dine with Me (AD,BSL,R,HD) 5.15 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (AD,R,HD)

(R) Repeat. (HD) High Definition. (AD) Audio Description. (b/w) Not in colour. (BSL) British Sign Language.

■ Family viewing ● Generally suitable for all ◆ Caution recommended



## FILM CHOICES

**Paddington 2, 6.50pm, BBC1**

IT'S been a sombre ten days, but here's the most feelgood of films, as the adorable bear from darkest Peru (pictured – voiced by Ben Whishaw) returns for a second delightful adventure. This time, he finds friends in the most unlikely of places – in prison, to be precise, after he is stitched up by Hugh Grant's nefarious actor.

**The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society, 8.30pm, BBC2**

LILY JAMES leads an all-star British cast, including her fellow Downton Abbey alumni Penelope Wilton, Jessica Brown Findlay and Matthew Goode, in this charming adaptation of Mary Ann Shaffer's historical novel. James plays an author who visits Guernsey in 1946, and learns about the islanders' experiences under the Nazi Occupation.

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Peppa Pig** (AD,R,HD) **6.05 Peppa Pig** (AD,R,HD) **6.10 Peppa Pig** (AD,R,HD) **6.15 Peppa Pig** (AD,R,HD) **6.20 Fireman Sam** (R,HD) **6.30 Fireman Sam** (R,HD) **6.40 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go!** (R,HD) **6.50 Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go!** (HD) **7.05 Peppa Pig** (AD,R,HD) **7.10 Peppa Pig** (AD,HD) **7.15 Paw Patrol** (R,HD) **7.25 Paw Patrol** (R,HD) **7.40 Milo** (R) **7.50 Odo** (HD) **7.55 Pip and Posy** (R,HD) **8.10 The Adventures of Paddington** (R,HD) **8.20 Pip and Posy** (R,HD) **8.25 The Adventures of Paddington** (R,HD) **8.35 Fireman Sam: Norman Price and the Mystery in the Sky** (R) **9.35 Thomas & Friends: Race for the Sodor Cup** (2021) (U) (HD) Animated adventure.

**10.35 The Adventures of Paddington** (R,HD) Animated series. **11.00 The Smurfs** (R,HD) **11.10 The Emoji Movie** (2017) (U) (HD) Animated adventure, featuring the voice of T.J. Miller.

**12.30 Stuart Little** (1999) (U) (HD) Comedy adventure, starring Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie. **1.50 Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs** (2009) (U) (HD) Animated sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. **3.20 Sing** (2016) (U) (HD) Animation, with the voices of Scarlett Johansson and Matthew McConaughey. **5.00 5 News** (HD) **6.30 Traffic Cops** (R,HD)

**7.15 Police Interceptors** (R,HD) Following an operation to stop a van suspected of carrying cocaine. Plus, Dan activates stealth mode as he tracks down a thief fresh from a house burglary. **7.55 5 News Update** (HD)

**8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders** (R,HD) PC Niaz Waddington tries to catch up with a SUV and is shocked to discover the reason for its dangerous speed when he pulls the vehicle over. (Followed by 5 News Update)

**9.00 Police: Night Shift 999** (R,HD) Sgt Gladwin is surrounded by an aggressive family.

**9.45 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts** (R,HD) A new junior doctor treats a man with a suspected case of sepsis.

**10.30 999: Critical Condition** (R,HD) A man has sustained injuries after being trapped in his car.

**11.15 Wild Card** (2015) (15) (HD) A Las Vegas bodyguard with a gambling problem finds himself on the wrong side of a mob boss. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Michael Angarano.

**12.50 Entertainment News on 5** (HD) **1.00 Live NFL: Monday Night Football** (HD) Philadelphia Eagles v Minnesota Vikings (Kick-off 1.30am). **4.30 Entertainment News on 5** (HD) **4.40 Wildlife SOS** (BSL,R) **5.05 Wildlife SOS** (BSL,R) **5.30 Peppa Pig** (AD,BSL,R,HD) **5.35 Paw Patrol** (BSL,R,HD)

▲ Particularly liable to offend

# Looking for gold? Nesbitt's digital facelift is where the money's at...

**G**OODBYE Botox, and forget skin peels. As Jimmy Nesbitt whipped off his balaclava, looking 25 years younger, we entered the age of the electronic facelift.

Nesbitt, playing dirty Belfast copper DCI Tom Brannick in **Bloodlands** (BBC1), flaunted a taut jawline, unlined forehead and coal-black hair.

A caption flashed up: it was February 1998. Jimmy should have been filming the first series of *Cold Feet*, with sideburns, and Helen Baxendale as his girlfriend, Rachel – remember when they tried to get frisky in a charity shop window?

Yet here he was, on a dark night in Northern Ireland, killing a couple of bank robbers in cold blood to steal their loot.

This shot of him, looking half his real age, lasted only a few seconds. But it gave us a glimpse at the future of television. Celebrities have long been doctoring their selfies with computer software. Now telly is catching up. Soon, every actor and presenter will have the option of digital rejuvenation.

Some will be subtle, knocking just a few years off their appearance. Others will want to revert to their teens. No doubt we'll hear a lot of spurious justifications, with stars claiming the technology allows them to 'act their inner age' and 'reveal their true self'.

The magic didn't last long for Jimmy. Flashback over, we returned

**SPACE RACE OF THE WEEKEND:** Boys in the 1960s loved Zoom lollies, shaped like rocket ships. The Secret World Of Ice Cream (C4) told how the Fab lolly, inspired by Thunderbirds, was made in creamy colours with sugar sprinkles to appeal to girls. Yus, m'Lady.

to 2022, where his hair is frosty grey and the bags under his eyes are more like suitcases.

*Bloodlands* is a swaggering thriller, with an orchestral soundtrack that evokes spaghetti Westerns and a storyline to match, about stolen guns and gold.

It's apparently inspired by the Northern Bank heist in 2004, when IRA terrorists escaped with more than £26 million – much of which has never been recovered.

In this fictional retelling, £11 million has been snatched from the Irish Savings Bank and an accountant suspected of laundering the money has turned up dead.

DCI Brannick's first instinct, after discovering the body, was to dash to a disused oil tank next to a shed. He prised it open and was horrified to find nothing inside.

Meanwhile, the dead accountant's wife (Victoria Smurfit) was also in a hurry, heading for her hubby's storage unit. Inside, once again, was nothing.

If I wanted to hide £11 million in



**CHRISTOPHER STEVENS WEEKEND TV**

Bloodlands ★★★★★ Frozen Planet II ★★★★★

gold bullion, I wouldn't use a rusty old tank or a lock-up with a flimsy padlock.

There was a nasty moment when Brannick quizzed an informant in an empty nightclub. Traumatized by Adrian Dunbar's singing detective act over on ITV, in *Ridley*, I was afraid Nesbitt might start crooning some melancholy ballad. But he didn't,

and *Bloodlands* is worth an extra star for that alone.

**Frozen Planet II** (BBC1) deserves a week's supply of extra stars for its endlessly stupendous photography. Among the exceptional sequences was film of 30 beluga whales, trapped in a lagoon in the Arctic ice.

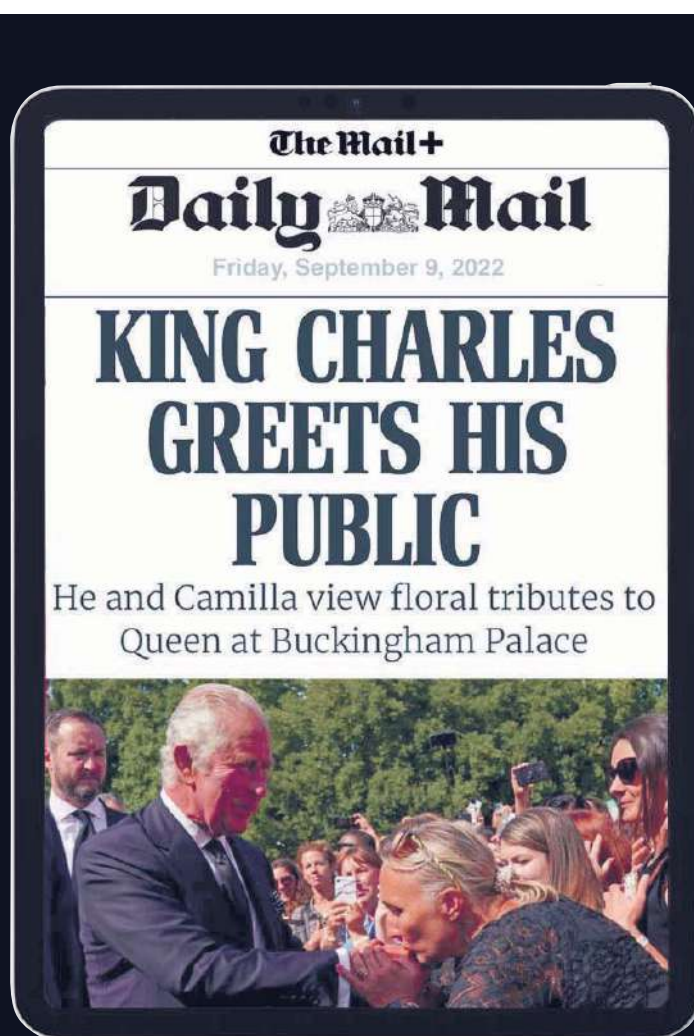
A drone looked down on them, circling like minnows in a pond,

then the picture dived underwater and followed them as they made a break for freedom through the splintering floes.

Other astonishing images included walrus rolling down a beach into the sea, like children playing on a hillside, and orcas killing a juvenile bowhead whale – ramming it to break its ribs, then leaving it to drown.

Nature is cruel, but orcas (also called killer whales) appear to actively enjoy the cruelty.

Perhaps what's most remarkable is the ability of the film crews to be in the right place to capture spontaneous behaviour – such as an impromptu ballet by two young polar bears sliding across ice.



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## WELSH TV VARIATIONS

**BBC1: 5.50pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather.

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**BBC2: 7.00pm** X-Ray. Lucy Owen champions consumer rights, while reporter Rachel Treadaway-Williams challenges cowboys, conmen and companies who do not deliver on their promises. **8.30** Mastermind. **9.00** The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.

**ITV: 10.50pm** News Cymru Wales; Weather.

**S4C: 6.00am** Cyw. **10.30** Newyddion S4C: Angladd y Frenhines. **1.30pm** Glannau Cymru o'r Awyr. **1.55** Glannau Cymru o'r Awyr. **2.25** Glannau Cymru o'r Awyr. **2.50** Glannau Cymru o'r Awyr. **3.20** Glannau Cymru o'r Awyr. **3.45** 24 Awr: Tomi Roberts-Jones. **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blociau Rhif. **4.05** Awr Fawr: Odo. **4.15** Awr Fawr: Gwddihw. **4.30** Awr Fawr: Sion y Chef. **4.45** Awr Fawr: Awyr Iach. **5.00** Stwnsh. **6.00** Bex. **6.20** Codi Hwyl. **6.50** Rownd a Rownd. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. **8.00** Sgwrs Dan y Lloer. **8.30** Garddio a Mwy. **9.00** Cefn Gwlad. **9.30** Rall Ceredigion. **10.30** Sgorio. **11.00** Y Llinell Las.



PICK OF DIGITAL & ON DEMAND TV  
A PRIVATE AFFAIR,  
PRIME VIDEO

OFFERING up a heady mix of old-school detection and white-knuckle excitement, this new Spanish adventure serial is a subtitled treat. Aura Garrido plays Marina Quiroga, a posh young lady in strait-laced 1940s Spain, who dreams of becoming a detective, much to the annoyance of her mother — who thinks she should be focusing on finding a husband — and her police chief brother. When a serial killer targets women in her town, the police aren't overly concerned because

he 'only kills prostitutes', but Marina has other ideas and sets out to crack the case with the aid of the family's butler, Hector (the inimitable Jean Reno, from La Femme Nikita and Leon, pictured with Garrido). Hector is really supposed to be keeping Marina away from trouble, but while he can't stop her getting into scrapes, he'll always be there to help her get out of them. Full of crashing airplanes, speeding trains and fisticuffs, this is a proper old-school adventure.



pictured near left with Mendes), who has tormentors of her own.

RECIPE FOR DISASTER  
Bad Chefs, 9pm, ITV

TEN 'takeaway addicts' move in together and must learn how to cook in this lively new culinary contest, hosted by YouTube star Chunkz. Expect puzzled looks, entertaining incompetence and a little bit of learning as it continues its daily run. There's a cash prize for the most improved contestant — let's hope they don't blow it all on delivery apps.



BLACK COMEDY CAPER  
Do Revenge, Netflix

THIS slick thriller is like a cross between teen comedy Clueless and Hitchcock's Strangers On A Train? Camila Mendes is Drea, a popular student whose life is ruined when revealing pictures are leaked to her whole school. Seeking revenge, she teams up with Eleanor (Maya Hawke

A QUICK PINT  
Britain's Greatest Obsessions With Harry Hill, 9pm, Sky History  
SUGGS investigates the British obsession with pubs in this week's new edition. The Madness frontman explores the importance of the pub as a place of literary and musical creativity, and learns about women's role in brewing. He also samples what beer used to taste like — it was smoky, rather like bacon crisps — before returning to mull over his findings with Harry Hill.

A-Z SATELLITE LISTINGS

ALIBI

Sky 109 Virgin 126  
12noon Death in Paradise. 1.00 Father Brown. 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries. 4.00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries. 5.00 Unforgettable. 6.00 Major Crimes. 7.00 Rizzoli & Isles. 8.00 Death in Paradise. 10.05 Murdoch Mysteries.

ANIMAL PLANET

Virgin 251  
12noon Tanked. 1.00 Pit Bulls & Parolees. 2.00 Legends of the Wild. 4.00 My Cat from Hell. 5.00 Animal Cops Philadelphia. 6.00 Tanked. 7.00 Pit Bulls & Parolees. 8.00 India's Monkey Man Monster: Expedition Mungo. 9.00 Deadly Dragon of Borneo: Expedition Mungo. 10.00 Edge of Alaska. 11.00 Celebrity Animal Encounters.

BBC ALBA

Sky 169 Virgin 161  
6.00am Alba Today. 7.30 An La. 8.00 A' Bhanrigh Ealasaid II. The life of Queen Elizabeth II. 8.30 Garradh Phadruig. 9.05 Trusadh — Bardachd Ghaidhlig. With Cathy MacDonald. 10.05 Cuirm@Celtic. Fusing Scottish music titans Capercaille with the BBC SSO. 11.00 An Sgoil Bheag Mu Dheireadh. A small remote school's fight to survive. 11.30 Dan. Mairi MacLeod talks about poetry's ability to transport people back in time.

BBC THREE

Freeview 23 Sky 117  
7.00pm Top Gear. 8.00 Dubai Hustle. 8.30 Nail Bar Boys. 9.00 Top Gear. 11.00 Cuckoo. 11.50 Dubai Hustle.

BT SPORT 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527  
12noon Vanarama National League. 2.00 Premier League Review. 3.00 Ligue 1 Highlights. 4.00 UEFA Champions League Review. 5.00 ESPN FC. 5.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls. 6.00 Live MLB. 9.30 Currie Club. 10.00 BT Sport Goals Reload. 10.30 ESPN FC Presents. 11.00 WWE Raw Highlights.

BT SPORT 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528  
1.00pm The Outdoor Sports Show. 1.30 AFL. 3.30 UEFA Champions League Goals Reload. 3.45 UEFA Europa League Goals Reload. 4.00 WSL Championship Tour. 5.00 MLB Quick Pitch. 6.00 Premier League Review. 7.00 Joe Cole Cast. 7.30 Primeira Liga. 8.30 UEFA Champions League Magazine. 9.00 Live MLB.

BT SPORT 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529  
9.00am Serie A. 4.00pm Canadian Premier League. 6.00 The Outdoor

Sports Show. 6.30 Premiership Rugby Highlights. 8.00 Rugby Tonight. 8.45 Sport in Focus. 9.00 Fishing: On the Bank. 10.00 Ligue 1 Highlights. 11.00 MotoGP.

COMEDY CENTRAL

Sky 112 Virgin 181  
9.00am Friends. 9.00pm Guessable? 9.45 Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains. 10.30 FILM: Airplane II: The Sequel. (1982) (15) 11.50 Ridiculousness.

DAVE (DAYTIME)

Freeview 19 Sky 111  
1.00pm Border Force: America's Gatekeepers. 2.00 Top Gear USA Special. 3.00 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. 4.00 Top Gear. 5.00 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. 6.00 Taskmaster.

DISCOVERY

Sky 125 Virgin 250  
10.00am Ice Lake Rebels. 11.00 Wheeler Dealers: Dream Car. 12noon Supertrucks. 1.00 Gold Rush: Winter's Fortune. 2.00 Lone Star Law. 3.00 Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch. 4.00 Alaska: The Last Frontier. 5.00 Wheeler Dealers. 6.00 Kindig Customs. 7.00 Junkyard Empire. 8.00 Railroad Alaska. 9.00 Wheeler Dealers. 10.00 Chasing Classic Cars. 11.00 Yukon Men.

DRAMA (DAYTIME)

Freeview 20 Sky 143 Virgin 130  
11.45am The Bill. 12.45pm Classic EastEnders. 2.20 Monarch of the Glen. 3.20 A Place to Call Home. 4.20 All Creatures Great and Small. 5.20 Waiting for God. 6.00 Are You Being Served? 6.40 Allo 'Allo!

E4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 13 Sky 135 Virgin 106  
11.55am HM The Queen: Two Minutes' Silence. 12noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory. 3.00 Young Sheldon. 4.00 Teen First Dates. 5.00 The Big Bang Theory.

EDEN

Sky 166 Virgin 245  
12noon Sea of Creepy Monsters. 1.00 Forbidden History. 2.00 Animal Social Network. 3.00 Beasts In The City. 4.00 India's New Worlds. 5.00 Outback Vet. 6.00 The Zoo. 7.00 Forbidden History. 8.00 Outback Vet. 9.00 India's New Worlds. 10.00 The Zoo. 11.00 Forbidden History.

EUROSPORT 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521  
12noon Triathlon: Super League. 1.45 Cycling: Paris-Roubaix. 2.00 Road World Championships. 2.45 Motocross World Championship. 3.05 FIA World Endurance Championship. 3.50 Triathlon PTO

Tour — Canadian Open. 4.45 72: A Gathering of Champions. 6.30 Cycling: Ras na mBan. 7.00 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. 8.00 Cycling: Road World Championships. 9.35 Cycling: Ras na mBan. 10.00 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. 11.00 Sail GP. 11.35 Cycling: Road World Championships.

FILM4

Freeview 14 Sky 313 Virgin 428  
11.00am THE LONG SHIPS. (1963) (PG) 1.35pm DESTROY RIDES AGAIN. (1939) (PG) 3.25 HATARI! (1962) (U) 6.35 SAHARA. (2005) (12) 9.00 WORLD WAR Z. (2013) (15) 11.15 MAZE RUNNER: THE SCORCH TRIALS. (2015) (12) 1.55am GOD'S OWN COUNTRY. (2017) (15)

5STAR (DAYTIME)

Freeview 32 Sky 128 Virgin 151  
12.25pm Shoplifters & Scammers: At War with the Law. 1.10 Traffic Cops. 1.55 Police Interceptors. 5.00 Dogs with Incredible Jobs. 5.45 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly. 6.30 Home and Away. 6.50 GPs: Behind Closed Doors.

5 USA (DAYTIME)

Freeview 21 Sky 141 Virgin 153  
11.05am Columbo. 12.20pm CSI: NY. 1.00 Law & Order. 3.45 Entertainment News on 5. 3.55 Law & Order. 5.30 Entertainment News on 5. 5.35 CSI: NY. 6.55 NCIS.

FOOD NETWORK UK

Freeview 43 Sky 140 Virgin 285  
6.00pm The Great British Bake Off. 8.00 The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. 9.00 Tom Kerridge's Sunday Lunch. 10.00 Rachel Khoo's Kitchen Notebook: London. 11.00 Restaurant: Impossible.

GOLD

Sky 110 Virgin 124  
12.40pm Dad's Army. 1.20 Outnumbered. 2.00 Keeping Up Appearances. 2.40 Last of the Summer Wine. 4.00 Dad's Army. 4.35 Open All Hours. 5.20 Keeping Up Appearances. 6.00 Hi-de-Hi! 6.35 Dad's Army. 8.00 Porridge. 9.20 The Office. 10.40 This Time with Alan Partridge. 11.20 The Cockfields.

GREAT! MOVIES

Freeview 34 Sky 321 Virgin 425  
12.50pm GREAT! MOVIE NEWS EXTRA. 1.00 SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED. 1.55 GREAT! MOVIE NEWS. 2.01 SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED. 2.50 GREAT! MOVIE NEWS EXTRA. 3.00 BADGE OF BETRAYAL. (2014) (12) 4.45 ROBIN AND MARIAN. (1976) (PG) 6.50 DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (2009) (PG) 9.00 AIR

FORCE ONE. (1997) (15) 11.20 JUMPIN' JACK FLASH. (1986) (15)

GREAT! MOVIES ACTION

Freeview 42 Sky 323 Virgin 426  
11.00am STARKY & HUTCH. 1.00pm THE LAST FRONTIER. (1955) (PG) 1.55 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 2.01 THE LAST FRONTIER. (1955) (PG) 3.05 THE LAST DAYS OF FRANK AND JESSE JAMES. (1986) (15) 4.00 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 4.06 THE LAST DAYS OF FRANK AND JESSE JAMES. (1986) (15) 5.10 HELL BELOW ZERO. (1954) (U) 6.05 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 6.11 HELL BELOW ZERO. (1954) (U) 7.05 AIR COLLISION. (2012) (PG) 8.00 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 8.06 AIR COLLISION. (2012) (PG) 9.00 AFTERMATH. (2017) (15) 9.55 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 10.01 AFTERMATH. (2017) (15) 10.50 THE NET. (1995) (12) 11.45 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 11.51 THE NET. (1995) (12)

GREAT! CHRISTMAS

Freeview 52 Sky 319 Virgin 424  
10.00am Love for Christmas. (2012) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. 12noon A Christmas Wedding Date. (2012) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. 2.00 Love Always, Santa.

RADIO 4

FM: 92.4-94.6MHZ; LW: 198KHZ

5.30 News Briefing. 5.43 Prayer for the Day. 5.45 Farming Today. 5.58 Tweet of the Day. 6.00 Today. 9.00 The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The World at One. News and comment, with Sarah Montague. 2.30 The Service of Committal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. 5.00 PM; (LW) Shipping Forecast. 5.57 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 North by Northamptonshire. Comedy written by and starring Katherine Jakeways, narrated by Sheila Hancock. Jan has Helen back at home, but is it what she really wants.

Time	BBC 4	E4	ITV2
7.00pm	<b>9 (Scot 24)</b> <b>Great American Railroad Journeys</b> Michael Portillo begins a journey across Alaska, discovering its links with Russia	<b>13</b> <b>Hollyoaks</b> Juliet warns Sid to keep Victor at arm's length	<b>6</b> <b>6.30 News</b> The headlines, on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral
7.30pm		<b>The Big Bang Theory</b> Leonard's mother visits. Guest starring Christine Baranski.	<b>Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers</b> A look back at a momentous fortnight in British history, chronicling the events that have marked the death of the Queen and the accession of King Charles III
8.00pm	<b>Art of Persia</b> Broadcaster Samira Ahmed reveals how Iran preserved its distinctive language and culture despite the Arab conquest of Persia	<b>Below Deck: Mediterranean</b> New charter guests come aboard to celebrate their seven-month dating anniversary	
8.30pm		<b>Married at First Sight UK</b> The final two couples in the experiment set off on their honeymoons	<b>Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest
9.00pm	<b>The Search for a New Earth</b> Stephen Hawking is joined by engineering expert Danielle George and former student Christophe Galfard to examine the possibility of humans inhabiting other planets	<b>Celeb Cooking School</b> One of the five remaining celebrities makes hot dog flavour dumplings, and the students murder two classic French dishes	<b>News</b> A fresh perspective on the major stories of the day, featuring national and international news
9.30pm		<b>11.05 Gogglebox</b> The households' reactions to programmes including <i>Jamie's Quick &amp; Easy Food</i> , <i>Our Planet</i> , <i>Britain's Got Talent</i> and the BBC News (To 12.10)	<b>Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest (To 12.00)
10.00pm	<b>Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth</b> The stories of four vessels built in Glasgow shipyards, beginning with the <i>Cutty Sark</i>		
10.30pm			
11.00pm			
11.30pm	<b>Ian Hislop's Fake News: A True History</b> (To 12.30)		

(2016) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. 4.00 Christmas Mail. (2010) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. 6.00 On the Twelfth Day of Christmas. (2015) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. 8.00 The Mistletoe Promise. (2016) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. 10.00 A Beauty & The Beast Christmas. (2019) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News.

GREAT! TV

Freeview 50 Sky 157 Virgin 189  
12noon Body of Proof. 2.00 Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye. 4.00 Murder, She Wrote. 6.00 Hart to Hart. 7.00 M\*A\*S\*H. 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 10.00 The Persuaders! 11.00 Classic Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

ITV2 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 6 Sky 118 Virgin 115  
6.00am Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral. 6.00pm Local News and Weather. 6.30 News.

ITV3 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 10 Sky 119 Virgin 117  
6.00am Good Morning Britain. 9.30

Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral. 6.00pm Local News and Weather. 6.30 News.

ITV4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 26 Sky 120 Virgin 118  
6.00am Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral. 6.00pm Local News and Weather. 6.30 News.

ITVBE

Freeview 28 Sky 131 Virgin 119  
6.00am Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Queen Elizabeth II: The State Funeral. 6.00pm Local News and Weather. 6.30 News. 7.30 Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers. 9.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. 10.00 News. 11.00 Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell. 12midnight The Queen Remembered.

MORE4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 18 Sky 136 Virgin 147  
11.05am Find It, Fix It, Flog It. 1.55 HM The Queen: Two Minutes' Silence. 12noon Find It, Fix It, Flog It. 1.05 Heir Hunters. 2.10 Four in a Bed. 4.50 Find It, Fix It, Flog It. 5.55 Car S.O.S. 6.55 Escape to the Chateau.

PICK OF TODAY'S RADIO  
FRONT ROW, 7.15PM, RADIO 4

IN A special edition of the arts magazine, Samira Ahmed celebrates the life and work of the great English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, who was born 150 years ago next month. There are live performances from violinist Jennifer Pike, baritone Roderick Williams, composer and pianist Neil Brand as

Samira explores Vaughan Williams's distinctive musical voice, with many of his most famous works — such as The Lark Ascending and Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis — conjuring up images of the glorious British landscape. His also wrote the motet O Taste and See specially for the Coronation of Elizabeth II (pictured).

7.00 **The Archers.** Shula stands up for a friend.  
7.15 **PICK Front Row.**  
8.00 **Beyond Belief.** Exploring the place and nature of faith in today's world.  
8.30 **Crossing Continents.** Se-Woong Koo reports from Seoul on South Korea's status as one of the most sleepless nations on Earth.

9.00 **Batman and Ethan.** Documentary following a blind man who 'sees' through making echo location noises like a bat.  
9.30 **PICK Cold as a Mountain Top.**  
10.00 **The World Tonight.**  
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Stone Blind.** By Natalie Haynes. Read by Susannah Fielding.



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<div>10</div> <b>6.30 News</b> The headlines, on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral	<div>26</div> <b>6.30 News</b> The headlines, on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral	<div>18</div> <b>6.55 Escape to the Chateau</b> Dick and Angel transform one of the old outbuildings	<div>36</div> <b>Hawaii Five-0</b> McGarrett and the team investigate a murder at a police convention on the island, just as Max prepares to bid Five-0 farewell	<div>12</div> <b>Outback Opal Hunters</b> The Blacklighters achieve a dream with the purchase of an excavator	<div>19</div> <b>Richard Osman's House of Games</b> With Angellica Bell and Gyles Brandreth	<div>20</div> <b>7.20 Last of the Summer Wine</b> Compo finds he has a rival for Nora Batty's attention and decides to take action	<div>32</div> <b>6.50 GPs: Behind Closed Doors</b> Patient Stephen complains about stomach pains	<div>21</div> <b>NCIS</b> Part one of two. Ziva confronts her past when the team are ordered to protect her father, Mossad director Eli David, at a gathering of former heads of NCIS
<b>Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers</b> A look back at a momentous fortnight in British history, chronicling the events that have marked the death of the Queen and the accession of King Charles III	<b>Queen Elizabeth II: A Nation Remembers</b> A look back at a momentous fortnight in British history, chronicling the events that have marked the death of the Queen and the accession of King Charles III	<b>7.55 Wondrous Wales</b> A freediver and wildlife photographer studies puffins on the Pembrokeshire coast, using specially designed headgear to get as close as possible to the birds	<b>Magnum P.I.</b> When a wealthy man hires Thomas and Higgins to find his missing wife, they are stunned when a tragedy occurs as a result of their investigation	<b>Salvage Hunters</b> Drew Pritchard and Tee John are invited to a private motor museum in Denbighshire	<b>7.40 Room 101</b> With Jack Dee, Gary Lineker and Fay Ripley	<b>Miss Marple</b> Feature-length episode of the mystery drama. The sleuthing senior citizen is urged by an old friend to visit her sister as she is convinced something is wrong. Miss Marple heads for the country to investigate and it is not long before a heated argument in a locked room ends with a gunshot that leaves a man dead	<b>7.35 GPs: Behind Closed Doors</b> A patient seeks advice about losing weight	<b>NCIS</b> Part two of two. The safe house is attacked, leaving Vance in hospital and Eli missing
<b>Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest	<b>Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest	<b>Devon and Cornwall</b> The head gardener at Cornwall's Lost Gardens of Heligan sows the seeds of a wildflower revolution from a crop of meadow flowers	<b>The Real Manhunter: The Murder of Bridget 'Bridie' Skehan</b> Colin Sutton revisits the killing of 93-year-old Bridget 'Bridie' Skehan, a former socialite	<b>Aussie Gold Hunters</b> The Poseidon Crew finally start digging ground in search of a multi-million-dollar nugget. Shane and Russell endure the wilderness in Pilbara	<b>QI XL</b> Phill Jupitus, Josh Widdicombe, Sara Pascoe and Alan Davies answer questions on the topic of monsters	<b>10.25 New Tricks</b> An elderly amateur sleuth who was a friend of Danny's is murdered, and he becomes convinced the secret to her death lies within the last case she was working on	<b>Dirty Home Rescue</b> Hayley Leitch and her team of cleaners answer SOS calls	<b>The Blacklist</b> When a plane transporting prisoners crashes under suspicious circumstances, Liz tries to track down Berlin. Last in series
<b>News</b> A fresh perspective on the major stories of the day, featuring national and international news	<b>News</b> A fresh perspective on the major stories of the day, featuring national and international news	<b>Homes from Hell: Caught on Camera</b> Footage reveals some of the dangers lurking inside homes	<b>The Twilight Zone</b> A struggling actor risks everything to catch his big break, but an impulsive scheme takes a few unexpected turns	<b>Outback Truckers</b> Danyelle and Anthony face their worst nightmare when they learn their son has a sudden fever	<b>Question Team</b> Making up Richard Ayoade's self-quizzing collective this time are Jonathan Ross with a round on superheroes, Holly Walsh, and Desiree Burch	<b>11.50 Spooks</b> Part one of two. Adam and Zaf track down a team of terrorists (To 1.05)	<b>9.45 Skin A&amp;E</b> The specialist clinic opens its doors to patients with acne	
<b>Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest (To 12.00)	<b>Queen Elizabeth II: The Final Farewell</b> James Mates narrates a look back at the day's events, as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest (To 12.00)	<b>11.05 24 Hours in A&amp;E</b> The lives of patients facing adversity head-on, including a former cancer patient now battling an aggressive ear infection (To 12.10)	<b>The Twilight Zone</b> The career of a struggling singer takes off overnight after she witnesses a tragic incident (To 12.00)	<b>How Do They Do It?</b> The secrets of football design	<b>Would I Lie to You?</b> With Greg Rutherford, Kirsty Young and Henning Wehn		<b>Kinky for Cash: Adults Only</b> couple Mike and Jess shoot a daring new video	<b>Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit</b> The team become embroiled in a sensitive case when a seven-year-old boy accuses his foster parents of abuse
				<b>How Do They Do It?</b> Keeping a sports stadium cool (To 12.00)	<b>11.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You</b> Alexander Armstrong hosts (To 12.40)		<b>11.20 Hellboy (2019,15)</b> Fantasy, starring David Harbour and Milla Jovovich (To 1.05)	<b>Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit</b> A teenager disappears

NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC

**Sky 129 Virgin 266**  
**10.00am** Europe from Above. **11.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt. **12noon** Drain the Oceans: D-Day Revealed. **1.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai. **2.00** Air Crash Investigation. **4.00** Ice Road Rescue. **5.00** Car S.O.S. **6.00** Megafactories. **7.00** Air Crash Investigation. **8.00** World War II: Secrets From Above. **9.00** Running Wild with Bear Grylls: The Challenge. **10.00** Wicked Tuna. **11.00** Air Crash Investigation.

PBS AMERICA

**Freeview 84 Sky 174 Virgin 273**  
**11.20am** The Last Voices of World War One. **12.15pm** Nazi Hunters. **1.00** The Last Voices of World War One. **1.50** FILM: Olympic Pride, American Prejudice. (2016) (PG) **3.15** Who Was the Real Neanderthal? **4.05** The Somme 1916 – From Both Sides of the Wire. **5.05** The Last Voices of World War One. **5.55** Nazi Hunters. **6.40** Who Was the Real Neanderthal? **7.30** The Somme 1916 – From Both Sides of the Wire. **8.30** The Last Voices of World War One. **9.20** Nazi



**11.00 In Suburbia.** Ian Hislop visits Ealing, comparing the diverse new communities with those from the late 19th century when the suburbs first began to expand. Last in series.  
**11.30 The Psalms.** Jeremy Irons reads from The King James version, starting with *Psalms 1 to Psalm 29.*

Hunters. **10.05** The Somme 1916 – From Both Sides of the Wire. **11.10** Who Was the Real Neanderthal?

PICK (DAYTIME)

**Freeview 36 Sky 159 Virgin 156**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Wild Crusades: The Monkey Diaries. **2.30** Nothing to Declare. **4.00** Stargate SG-1. **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.

QUEST (DAYTIME)

**Freeview 12 Sky 144**  
**9.00am** American Pickers. **10.00** The Repair Shop. **3.00pm** Find It, Fix It, Flog It. **4.00** Salvage Hunters. **5.00** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers. **6.00** Wheeler Dealers.

REALLY

**Freeview 17 Sky 142 Virgin 128**  
**12noon** Money for Nothing. **1.00** The Hotel Inspector. **2.00** Animal Cops Houston. **4.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet. **5.00** Ambulance. **6.00** Money for Nothing. **7.00** Antiques Road Trip. **9.00** Best in Miniature. **10.00** The Repair Shop. **11.00** Ghost Adventures.

■ A GERMAN Soldier who was about to shoot a British prisoner asked if he was cold. The prisoner, who was the climber W.H. Murray, said he was 'cold as a mountain top', so the German put his gun away. Both men recognised that they were fellow mountaineers. **COLD AS A MOUNTAIN TOP (9.30PM, RADIO 4)** joins the author Robert Macfarlane as he ascends the iconic Buachaille Etive Mor in the Scottish Highlands, and tells Murray's remarkable story.

**12.00 News and Weather.** **12.30 Book of the Week: Fen, Bog & Swamp.** By Annie Proulx. Lorelei King readers the Pulitzer Prize-winning author's exploration of the history, geography and ecological role of Earth's wetlands. **12.48 Shipping Forecast.** **1.00 As World Service.**

SKY ARTS

**Freeview 11 Sky 130 Virgin 165**  
**9.00am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **5.00pm** Treasures of the British Library. **6.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents. **7.00** Inside Art: Glyn Philpot at Pallant House. **7.30** Andre Rieu: Welcome to My World. **8.30** FILM: The Lost Leonardo. (2020) **10.25** Comedy Legends. **11.25** The South Bank Show.

SKY ATLANTIC

**Sky 108**  
**8.50am** Boardwalk Empire. **10.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough. **10.30** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Richard E. Grant's Hotel Secrets. **3.30** Boardwalk Empire. **5.45** The Sopranos. **7.55** Game of Thrones. **9.00** House of the Dragon. **10.10** Gangs of London. **11.15** House of the Dragon.

SKY COMEDY

**Sky 114 Virgin 135**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Will & Grace. **5.00** The Office (US). **5.30** Futurama. **6.30** Everybody Hates Chris. **7.30** The Office (US). **9.00** Black Monday.

RADIO 2 FM: 88-90.2MHZ

**6.30** Zoe Ball. **9.30** Gary Davies. **10.45** Jeremy Vine. **11.00** The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. **11.55** Jeremy Vine. **2.00** Steve Wright. **5.00** Sara Cox. **7.00** Jo Whiley. **9.00** Trevor Nelson. **12.00** OJ Borg.

RADIO 3 FM: 90.2-92.4MHZ

**6.30** Breakfast. **9.00** Essential Classics. **11.00** The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. **12.00** Essential Classics. **1.00** A Sequence of Music with Penny Gore. **4.00** The Service of Committal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. **5.00** In Tune. **7.00** In Tune Mixtape. **7.30** BBC Singers: Songs of Farewell. **9.00** Composer of the Week. **10.00** Music Matters. **10.45** The Essay. **11.00** Night Tracks. **12.30** Through the Night.

RADIO 5 LIVE MW: 693/909KHZ

**6.00** 5 Live Breakfast. **9.02** The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30** Nihal Arthanayake. **2.30** The Service of Committal for Queen Elizabeth II. **5.00** 5 Live Drive. **8.00** 5 Live News. **9.00** Colin Murray. **1.00** Dotun Adebayo.

**10.15** Amy Schumer: Live at the Apollo. **11.30** David Brenner Back with a Vengeance!

SKY DOCUMENTARIES

**Sky 121 Virgin 278**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Tony Hawk: Until the Wheels Fall Off. **4.00** The Directors. **5.00** Discovering: Laurence Harvey. **6.00** The 2000s. **6.50** Allen v. Farrow. **8.00** The Vietnam War. **9.00** FILM: Lennox: The Untold Story. (2020) (15) **11.00** FILM: LFG. (2021) (PG)

SKY DRAMA

**Sky 310 Virgin 410**  
**10.30am** THE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II. **1.30pm** THE ENGLISHMAN WHO WENT UP A HILL, BUT CAME DOWN A MOUNTAIN. (1995) (PG) **3.05** LABOR DAY. (2013) (12) **4.55** MISS SLOANE. (2016) (15) **7.05** BLUE BAYOU. (2021) (15) **9.00** LAST NIGHT. (2010) (12) **10.30** AKEELAH AND THE BEE. (2006) (PG)

SKY HISTORY

**Sky 123 Virgin 270**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Vintage Tech Hunters. **2.00** Highway Thru Hell. **3.00** Pawn Stars. **4.00** Swamp People. **5.00** Mega Transports. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Forged in Fire. **8.00** American Pickers. **9.00** Britain's Greatest Obsessions. **10.00** Cracking the Code. **11.00** Britain's Most Historic Towns.

SKY MAX

**Sky 113 Virgin 121**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Anthony Joshua vs Rob & Romesh 2. **2.30** Flintoff: From Lord's to the Ring. **5.30** Stargate SG-1. **7.30** Cricket's Funniest Moments. **8.00** Resident Alien. **9.00** COBRA: Cyberwar. **10.00** Brassica. **11.00** A League of Their Own.

SKY PREMIERE

**Sky 301 Virgin 401**  
**10.30am** THE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II. **1.00pm** MONA LISA AND THE BLOOD MOON. (2021) (15) **1.30** PAWS OF FURY: THE LEGEND OF HANK. (2022) (PG) **3.05** MONA LISA AND THE BLOOD MOON. (2021) (15) **4.50** JOCKEY. (2021) (15) **6.25** STOWAWAY. (2022) (15) **8.00** MARRY ME. (2022) (12) **9.50** MONA LISA AND THE BLOOD MOON. (2021) (15) **11.35** LAST LOOKS. (2021) (15)

SKY SCI-FI

**Sky 152 Virgin 139**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** FILM: My Pet Dinosaur. (2017) (PG) **3.30** Futurama. **4.00** Quantum Leap. **6.00** Star Trek:

Enterprise. **7.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. **8.00** Manifest. **9.00** FILM: Apocalypse of Ice. (2020) (PG) **11.00** FILM: Lavalantula. (2015) (PG)

SKY WITNESS

**Sky 107 Virgin 112**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Nothing to Declare. **3.00** Border Security USA. **5.00** Nothing to Declare. **9.00** Blue Bloods. **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.

SKY MAIN EVENT

**Sky 401 Virgin 511**  
**9.00am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **10.30** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **5.00** Sky Sports News. **6.00** Sky Sports News. **7.00** Sky Sports News. **8.00** Sky Sports News. **9.00** Sky Sports News. **10.00** Sky Sports News. **11.00** Sky Sports News.

SKY PREMIER LEAGUE

**Sky 402 Virgin 512**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Premier League Highlights. **2.30** SNF. **3.00** PL Greatest Games. **3.30** Premier League. **4.30** SNF. **5.00** Premier League. **6.00** SNF. **6.30** WSL. **7.00** Premier League. **8.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox. **8.30** WSL. **9.00** Premier League Review. **10.00** PL Retro.

SKY FOOTBALL

**Sky 403 Virgin 513**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** My Icon. **1.45** Scottish Premiership. **2.00** EFL. **3.00** EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. **3.30** EFL. **4.30** EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. **5.00** EFL Greatest Games. **5.30** SPFL Greatest Games. **5.45** SPFL. **6.00** EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. **6.30** Scottish Premiership Round-Up. **6.45** SPFL. **7.00** Bundesliga. **8.00** WSL. **8.30** EFL. **9.00** EFL Goals: Leagues 1 & 2. **9.30** Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special. **10.00** Scottish Premiership. **10.15** SPFL. **10.30** MLS Round Up Show. **11.00** Bundesliga.

SKY CRICKET

**Sky 404 Virgin 514**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Captain's Log. **2.00** Test Cricket. **8.00** Captain's Log. **8.30** Women's One-Day International Cricket. **9.30** Royal London One-Day Cup Cricket. **10.30** Women's One-Day International Cricket. **11.30** Shaun Pollock: Bowling Masterclass.

SKY MIX

**Sky 416 Virgin 520**  
**10.30am** The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. **1.30pm** Women's Super

League. **2.30** Fighting Fit 2020. **3.30** My Icon: Jonnie Peacock. **3.45** My Icon: Kelly Smith. **4.00** NFL Highlights. **5.00** Women's Super League. **6.00** NFL Highlights. **7.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket. **8.00** DP World Tour Golf. **9.00** PGA Tour Golf. **10.00** Women's Super League. **11.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket.

SMITHSONIAN

**Freeview 57 Sky 171 Virgin 276**  
**10.10am** V-Day: Volcanic Planet. **11.45** Volcanoes: Dual Destruction. **12.35pm** Yellowstone Supervolcano. **1.25** Age of Humans. **3.45** Earth Under Water. **4.35** Inside the Factory. **5.25** Britain in Colour. **8.00** Private Lives of the Windsors. **10.30** Inside the Factory. **11.20** Food Factories: How They Work.

TALKING PICTURES TV

**Freeview 82 Sky 328 Virgin 445**  
**12noon** FILM: Fantastic Voyage. (1966) (U) **2.00** Rooms. **3.00** FILM: The Woman in Question. (1950) (PG) **4.50** Discover Britain by Train. (5.00) The Footage Detectives. **6.00** FILM: Rogue's Yarn. (1957) (U) **7.35** The Coach Travellers in 1965. **8.00** Gideon's Way. **9.00** FILM: Eyewitness. (1981) (15) **11.00** Secret Army.

TCM

**Sky 315 Virgin 415**  
**8.10am** CHEYENNE. **9.20** THE SPY IN THE GREEN HAT. (1966) (U) **11.15** CHEYENNE. **1.30pm** THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES. (1939) (PG) **3.20** GUN FIGHT. (1961) (U) **4.45** OPERATION: DAYBREAK. (1975) (15) **7.15** THE SPY WITH MY FACE. (1966) (PG) **9.00** THE EXORCIST: THE VERSION YOU'VE NEVER SEEN. (1973) (18) **11.45** THE BIRDS. (1963) (15)

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Sky 132 Virgin 125

**11.00am** Inside the Ambulance: Coast and Country. **1.00pm** Inside the Ambulance. **2.00** Tipping Point. **4.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build. **5.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes. **7.00** MasterChef Australia. **8.00** Inside the Ambulance: Coast and Country. **9.00** DIY SOS: Children in Need Special. **10.20** The Undateables. **11.20** Dating With My Mates.

YESTERDAY

**Freeview 27 Sky 155 Virgin 129**  
**12noon** The Architecture the Railways Built. **1.00** Bangers and Cash. **2.00** Abandoned Engineering. **4.00** War Factories. **5.00** The World at War. **6.00** Top Gear. **7.00** Abandoned Engineering. **9.00** The Buildings That Fought Hitler. **10.00** Bangers and Cash. **11.00** Abandoned Engineering.



**ARIES** Mar 21 - Apr 20 **IMAGINE** you're wandering around a desert, searching for something to drink. In the distance, you can see something glistening in the sand. When you reach it, you discover that it's a ladle. How ironic — and how useless. It almost makes you thirstier. A while later, you realise that you can hear the sound of gushing water. You're not hallucinating, it's coming from a waterfall which is just beyond your reach. Thank goodness you've got the ladle! It might not feel like it, but you're being given exactly what you need. *Capture the powerful energy of this week's Equinox. Call your four-minute forecast: 0906 751 5601.*

**TAURUS** Apr 21 - May 21 **I HOPE** you hold yourself in high regard. You certainly ought to. If you don't, then today's homework is to do that. You're being given a golden opportunity to become more confident about your strengths and abilities. Embrace it and things will start to transform. You'll find a way to deal with the problem that's preventing you from moving forwards. And if you're supremely confident already? Well, there's always room for more. It takes self-awareness to trust in simple solutions. But that's what you can do today. *The Equinox brings potential for powerful positive change. There's great news in your forecast. Call 0906 751 5602.*

**GEMINI** May 22 - June 22 **WE DON'T** have to be talented to be successful. There are other qualities, such as determination, motivation, willingness to work hard and having social skills that work to our advantage. Of course it helps to have talent. But if we have too much, we can create envy or set standards that other people feel threatened by. Or we have such high expectations of ourselves that we never feel 'good enough'. Be sparing with your talent. By holding back and allowing others to show their skills you'll make progress. *It's the Equinox. Let it guide you to the future you're longing for. Call 0906 751 5603.*

**CANCER** June 23 - July 23 **JUST** because we're tiny beings living in a vast universe, does that mean we're insignificant and unimportant? It might seem like the logical conclusion. Yet the cosmos continually seeks to remind us of how valuable we are. Even if there's only a spark of the infinite and eternal beating within every

# OSCAR CAINER

TODAY, as we pay our final respects to Queen Elizabeth II, the eyes of the world will be on the UK. As a nation, we're old hands at the art of pageantry — today's events will be underpinned with deep sadness. Ceremonies

mark life's key moments: they reflect our beliefs and hopes. Following retrograde Mercury's opposition to Jupiter at the weekend, memory-provoking moments can inspire us to look forward to a more unified future.



human heart, it has huge potential and power. It's a direct connection to the source of all being. I can't promise you a miracle today. But if you need psychological support right now, you just need to ask. You'll receive exactly what you need. *How will the Equinox transform your life? There's inspiring news in your latest forecast. Call 0906 751 5604.*

**LEO** July 24 - Aug 23 **IF THERE'S** a box that we're meant to be able to think outside of, where is it? And when people talk about blue-sky thinking what are we supposed to do when it's cloudy overhead? Business gurus seem to love finding hard-to-make-sense-of phrases to describe simple things. You just need to use your imagination today. You think your understanding of a situation is inadequate but it's not. If you picture a brighter, more enriching path ahead, you'll find you have exactly what you need to be able to speed along it. *Let the power of the Equinox inspire you. Call your latest four minute forecast: 0906 751 5605.*

**VIRGO** Aug 24 - Sep 23 **'ASTRA** inclinant, non necessitant'. A loose translation of this Latin phrase means: 'the stars encourage us, but they never force us'. We have free will. We might be prompted or encouraged by certain astrological phenomena but we have every right to say 'thanks, it's just not for me'. Yet there are times when this feels difficult. If, in the legacy of your ruler's link with Jupiter, you're finding it hard to gauge how much freedom of choice you really have, know that, if you're determined, you'll find a way to do what you need to do. *Use the power of the Equinox to change your life. For the key to the future of your dreams call 0906 751 5606.*

**LIBRA** Sep 24 - Oct 23 **THE MOST** complex situations can be crying out for simple solutions. But when we're in the eye of the storm and caught up in swirling dramas, it's easy to overlook the obvious. In taking a step back, or by making a conscious decision not to get involved in a pressing issue, you're not hiding your head in the sand, or neglecting your responsibilities. You're giving yourself an important chance to see things from a different (wider) perspective. Things aren't quite what they seem. They're better. *The powerful Equinox can change your life for the better. There's valuable news when you call 0906 751 5607.*

**SCORPIO** Oct 24 - Nov 22 **WHO** do you think you are? No, I'm not referring to the TV show! I'm merely trying to point out how difficult it is for any of us to ever truly know ourselves. There's so much to take into consideration — our personality, our upbringing, our education, our politics, our responsibilities, our ideologies, our likes and our dislikes. Even if we somehow managed to amalgamate all these different aspects, would we really have a fully-formed, accurate image? Today offers an opportunity to learn a little more about what makes you uniquely you. *Maximise the energy available to you. The Equinox can transform your world. Call 0906 751 5608.*

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 23 - Dec 21 **WE** CAN be so superficial. We judge other people according to their looks, their jobs, or where they live. By where they come from, or who they know. Yet a person's true worth can only be measured in one specific way; by the depth of what lies in their heart.

Following your ruler's link with Mercury, you're reaching a point where you can make some wise decisions. You know they won't benefit you as much as other, less sensitive choices. But it's the right thing. *This is an exceptional week. The Equinox brings potential for transformation. Find out more. Call 0906 751 5609.*

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**PISCES** Feb 20 - Mar 20 **IF** THE cosmos is, at its core, fair and egalitarian, how do we explain the amount of privilege that surrounds us? First and foremost, being born with a silver spoon in your mouth is eventually going to require a trip to the dentist — and we'd all agree that that's unlucky! It's perfectly possible to be financially advantaged but unlucky. And to be poor but lucky. You don't need me to tell you that money isn't the be-all and end-all. As long as you bear that in mind today, you'll begin to realise just how much good fortune you have. *The Equinox brings powerful positive change. There's great news in your latest forecast. Call 0906 751 5612.*

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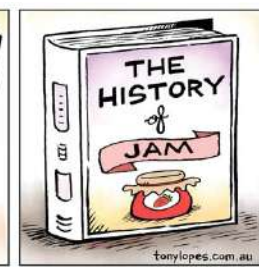
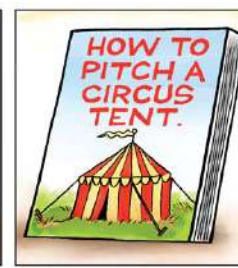


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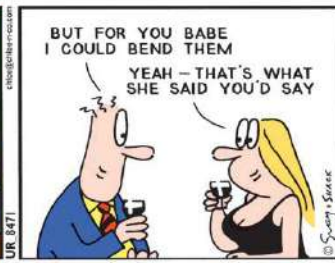


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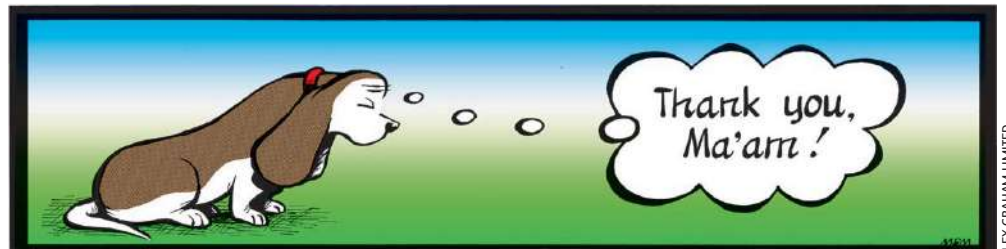
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## LETTERS

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# The final photo that summed up a life of service

I WAS very young when I saw the Queen when she visited my home town of Nelson, Lancashire, following her Coronation.

I stood at the front of the crowd, waving a flag. The Queen was a beautiful and radiant sight and I have never forgotten the glamour of her dress and sparkle of her tiara as she waved to the people.

In contrast, the photo of the Queen in great age and dignity, welcoming her last Prime Minister at Balmoral, was so poignant and deeply moving.

It illustrated so clearly her life of service and love for her people to the very end.

On the day our Queen is laid to rest, for me that image will remain the most treasured of all.

HAZEL GLENHOLMES,  
Southampton, Hants.

## Crazy closures

WE ALL wish to honour the Queen, but closing GP surgeries and cancelling hospital appointments is too much.

My wife has waited a year for a consultation, only to be told she will be put back on the waiting list. I am sure the Queen would not have wanted this.

GERRY BYRNE,  
Snettisham, Norfolk.

IT SEEMS a strange announcement by NHS England that hospital and GP appointments can be cancelled today.

I doubt the public will notice any difference, as getting such appointments is almost impossible.

PAUL MACKINTOSH,  
Darlington, Co. Durham.

## All need to grieve

THOSE complaining that shops and restaurants have closed today should remember that they are not just buildings.

The people who work there would also like some time to mourn the Queen and watch the funeral on TV.

JANEEN EVANS,  
Warminster, Wilts.

## Straight to the POINT



■ **POLITICIANS attending the Queen's funeral should take note that she was non-political yet achieved so much.**

MICK TEDDER, Dover, Kent.

■ **WHICH idiot thought it was a good idea to invite China's despot Xi Jinping?**

PAUL GARROD, Portsmouth.

■ **NO PRESIDENT or politician could inspire as much love from the public as the Queen.**

KATHY VIGGERS,  
Bexhill-on-Sea, E. Sussex.

■ **IT WOULD have been a**

**wonderful gesture if, instead of dodgy heads of state, more elderly people had been invited to attend the funeral.**

SUSAN SIDWELL,  
Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

■ **INSTEAD of a Bank Holiday, today should be referred to as a Day of Remembrance.**

B. HARKINS, Bourne End, Herts.

■ **GOOD to see civil servants come into the office if there's something 'interesting' outside the window.**

S. TONG, Pudsey, W. Yorks.

I AM surprised families say they are traumatised because facilities at Center Parcs are not available for one day.

Holidaymakers can enjoy their luxury lodge — or take a stroll and reflect on why they would not want the staff to have the time off for the Queen's funeral.

TONY THOMPSON,  
Banbury, Oxon.

## We're one nation

THE BBC's coverage of the death of the Queen has been measured, informative and well judged in tone. Only the endless references to 'the four nations' have detracted from this.

The Queen's principal public role was as head of state of one nation, the United Kingdom of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland, whose people are Britons or the British.

When the Scots were asked in a referendum, we chose to remain part of the British nation.

Most people are quite capable of simultaneously holding British and other identities, whether these relate to a constituent part of the UK or to the country or culture of their ancestors.

If, despite this, the BBC is still convinced there are four nations rather than one, perhaps it should be renamed the Four Nations Broadcasting Corporation.

OTTO INGLIS, Crossgates, Fife.

THE Queen was not an actress, musician or sportswoman, so did not perform her duties in any expectation of applause. I hope



Picture: ALAMY

Patience: Some of the mourners who lined the Thames

## They queued to say goodbye

I'D HAVE loved to have gone to London to pay my respects to the Queen at the lying in state. But due to mobility problems, it wasn't possible. Like millions of others, I have been glued to the TV and can only say how impressed I have been by the dignity with which the thousands of people queued for hours.

It fills me with pride and gives me hope for the future. What a legacy for the Queen if that warmth and compassion becomes the marker of what it means to be British.

JULIE HOWELLS,  
Pencoed, South Wales.

I AM appalled that MPs and Lords had priority access to the lying in state, not just for themselves but for up to four family members and friends.

Who do they think they are to push in front of thousands of members of the public who had queued patiently for many hours? Who was responsible for this inequitable decision? Such self-entitlement is disgraceful. If they wished to pay their respects, they should have got in line like everyone else and waited their turn.

LIZ GIBBON, Banstead, Surrey.

MANY people queued through the night to pay their final respects to the Queen. They now understand the discomfort and conditions many people suffer every night, not by choice but because they have nowhere else to sleep.

May I suggest that in memory of this experience, they make a donation to a homeless charity.

EDDIE COOTE, Ferndown, Dorset.

her funeral was accompanied by silence, broken only by the sound of horses' hooves.

N.J. WOOTTON,  
Wallasey, Wirral.

## Subtitle slips

THE BBC coverage of the Queen's lying in state was spoiled by ridiculous subtitles referring to the soldiers guarding the coffin as 'video guards'.

DAVID KIRKWOOD,  
Aspatria, Cumbria.

DURING the procession to Westminster Hall, the reporter said: 'It will be more solemn on Monday.' How unfortunate the subtitles had it as 'Solomon Grundy'.

Mrs SANDY DEAN,  
Wymondham, Norfolk.

WHY are TV commentators using the irritating Americanism 'honor guards'? I am a former Royal Navy serviceman who has been privileged to be in a Royal Guard of Honour.

RAY SMITH, Exmouth, Devon.

## TV's golden hour

THE passing of our wonderful Queen has been dealt with superbly by the broadcasters. The

coverage has been dignified and respectful. It has been humbling to see people carrying out their duties faultlessly.

What a contrast to the TV channels' usual scaremongering, biased interviews and the bombardment of inane adverts.

We don't need all the noise, aggression, infighting, mockery and mayhem. If only we could all continue to behave as our beloved sovereign did.

Mrs HAZEL HORSNELL,  
Goring-by-Sea, W. Sussex.

## Showing respect

I WATCHED the funeral of Prince Philip on the BBC red button.

There was no commentary for the first hour, just the sights and sounds of the entourage making its way to St George's Chapel in Windsor. I felt as if I was there in person. I hope that the BBC will do the same today for its coverage of the Queen's funeral.

ALAN PAGE, Holt, Norfolk.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

AS IN Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22

# Solemn silence... and then we all applauded

I WAS one of the exuberant thousands who lined The Mall not long ago for the Platinum Jubilee. I was there again to honour our exemplary sovereign and witness the sombre procession of the Queen's coffin from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall.

It was the metronomic drumbeat we heard first and the crowd fell silent. The coffin looked so small surrounded by the soldiers in their bearskins. It would have taken a hard heart not to be moved by the strained, serious faces of the King and his siblings as they walked behind the gun carriage. As the cortege passed,

a ripple of applause started, turning into a prolonged ovation. It was heartfelt and an acknowledgement that was all we could do to honour our wonderful Queen.

BRENT WALSH, London SW16.

WHAT dedication by the Armed Forces to produce such a fantastic parade to honour our Queen.

PAUL NEVILL, Worthing, W. Sussex.

AS THE coffin of our beloved Queen was escorted to Westminster Hall, I was filled with pride for our Armed Forces, my fellow countrymen and the monarchy.

ALAN HEYWOOD, Guildford, Surrey.

HAVING watched with reverence the Queen's coffin being accompanied to the lying in state, I marvel at our nation's sense of history. No other country has our ability for ceremony and pageantry.

We revere our monarchs and pay them our respect in a way that reverberates through centuries of tradition.

GORDON MORRIS, Southwick, Wilts.

WHY couldn't the bystanders at the royal procession be in the moment and put away their mobile phones? If they wanted the best picture souvenirs, they should have bought the Mail.

TESSA BURGESS, Liverpool.

## LETTER OF THE WEEK

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Compiled by Charles Legge

### QUESTION Why were all Model T Fords black for more than a decade?

MODEL T Fords were only available in black between 1914 and 1925 because this was cheaper and more efficient.

Henry Ford described this policy in his 1922 book *My Life And Work*: 'Any customer can have a car painted any colour he wants — so long as it is black.'

In fact, the first Model T that rolled off the assembly line in Detroit, Michigan, in 1908 was red. The vehicles were available in grey, green, blue and black.

Deciding to opt for one colour was part of the policy to keep the price low enough so anyone who made a reasonable living could afford a car.

It is widely held that Ford opted to use only black because it dried faster than other paint colours. There is little evidence for this.

In fact, painting every component of the Model T black streamlined production, making the process cheaper and enhancing quality control by making it easier to touch up scratches and imperfections. It also eliminated the need for retooling to accommodate different colours.

Before the Model T, cars were a luxury. At the beginning of 1908, there were fewer than 200,000 vehicles on the road. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford built 15 million Model Ts.

Cliff Latham, Kenilworth, Warks.

### QUESTION After whom was the Commonwealth Games's Alexander Stadium in Birmingham named?

THE stadium is named after William Whiteway Alexander, who established the local Birchfield Harriers as one of the premier athletics clubs in the country.

A postman and fine cross-country runner, Alexander joined Birchfield in 1879, three years after the club's foundation. He finished fourth in the 1881

# Model T looks good in black



Picture: AP

## Streamlined: 1914 Ford Model T

English cross-country championships after he did his morning postal round.

In 1882, Alexander became club secretary and gave up competitive running to manage the club.

After he became the landlord of pubs in Halesowen and Redditch, he would travel the country to athletics meetings to spot talent. He would offer free accommodation at his pubs and help find the amateur athletes work in the area.

In 1922, he established the Birchfield Harriers ladies' section. His son, also W. W. Alexander, was coach.

By the time Alexander died in 1933, Birchfield Harriers was Britain's top athletics club. Of the 49 cross-country championships held between 1886 and 1939, it won 27.

The original Alexander Stadium opened in 1976, replacing Birchfield Harriers' former home at Alexander Sports Ground. Work on the new stadium began in 2019.

Tina Lewis, Worcester.

## QUESTIONS

**Q: For entertainment in a power cut, can anyone suggest a game other than Blind Man's Buff or Murder In The Dark?**

John Chitty, Ripley, Derbys.

**Q: Is 1986's White Nights the most obscure film to win a Best Song Oscar?**

T. Nichols, Basildon, Essex.

**Q: Are there any noted German descendants of Queen Victoria?**

Ted Shepherd, Windsor, Berks.

## QUESTION Has a musician ever been denied access to their own concert?

THE previous answers reminded me of the 2003 incident when Bruce Springsteen was playing the inaugural concert at Leeds Arena.

The new venue had not sorted out its parking and Springsteen's buses and rigging vans were forced to park on a side street near the stadium.

An over-zealous parking official duly slapped parking tickets on them. After considering the special circumstances, the tickets were eventually cancelled.

Will Allison, Wakefield, W. Yorks.

■ IS THERE a question to which you want to know the answer? Or do you know the answer to a question here? Write to: Charles Legge, Answers To Correspondents, Daily Mail, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5TT; or email [charles.legge@dailymail.co.uk](mailto:charles.legge@dailymail.co.uk). A selection is published, but we're unable to enter into individual correspondence.

## TODAY'S RECIPE: Club Tropicana ice cream cake

IMPRESS party guests. Serves: 8.

### Ingredients

1 Madeira cake  
500ml mango sorbet  
500ml vanilla ice cream  
50g dark chocolate  
500ml raspberry sorbet



150 ml double cream, whipped  
Maraschino cherries

### Method

1 Line a 1lb loaf tin with two layers of cling film. Cut 5mm slice of Madeira cake. Push into base.

2 Spoon mango sorbet into tin, flatten using back of a spoon and freeze for ten minutes. Repeat using vanilla ice cream, then add another layer of sponge. Melt chocolate and pour over second layer of sponge. Freeze for ten minutes. Add a layer of raspberry sorbet, followed by a final layer of sponge. Cover in cling film, then freeze until needed.

3 To serve, turn ice cream cake on to a plate. Decorate with whipped cream and cherries.

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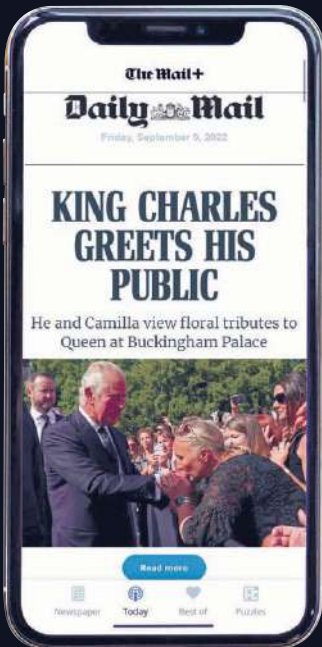
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## Power of the City Press

**T**HERE have been few more influential newspaper proprietors than Lord Northcliffe, founder of the Daily Mail and the Daily Mirror and owner of The Times and The Observer.

His life story, told in the Andrew Roberts' biography *The Chief*, portrays a meticulous newspaper man with a passion for campaigning journalism.

Roberts doesn't spare the warts but what shone through was *The Chief's* commitment to accuracy, careful reporting and never giving up. Newspapers are often deprecated for what they do. The latest Economist parodies UK titles for 'Pravda' journalism in coverage of Queen Elizabeth II's death. A fuller reading reveals acres of material ranging from royal complicity in colonialism to criticism of that royal miscreant the Duke of York.

Investigative and campaigning journalism is a public good. This paper's work on the disgusting prosecution of postmasters and postmistresses by top brass at the Post Office

### Alex Brummer

CITY EDITOR

helped to reverse a grave injustice. Similarly, campaigns on fat-cat pay, private equity and foreign takeovers have drawn attention to unedifying failures in modern capitalism.

The powerful role which financial journalism can and does play in cleaning up business is central to the documentary *Skandal!* Bringing Down Wirecard, released by Netflix.

The film tells the story of how assiduous FT journalism, backed by a determined editor Lionel Barber, brought the fraudsters at fintech pioneer Wirecard crashing down and

embarrassed German authorities. It also demonstrated how easily serious investors, auditors and markets can be bamboozled if they don't want to believe something.

Wirecard was, for Germany, the gateway to being a senior player in a high-tech world dominated by Silicon Valley. It was a shining enterprise which demonstrated that Teutonic capitalism was much more than just engineering what were – pre-Tesla – the world's best motor cars. In the pursuit of Wirecard's flaws FT reporters, marshalled by lead sleuth Dan McCrum, travelled to the Philippines and beyond. They established that revenues coming from the Pacific were a chimera.

**A**T each stage of their probe the FT team came up against formidable obstacles and intimidation. In 1990, when *The Guardian* (where I worked) was conducting an investigation into corrupt bank BCCI one of my colleagues was run off the pavement by an approaching car.

During the Wirecard probe FT reporters' phones were tapped. Moreover, well-known

legal firms sought to silence the FT for trying to bring down a huge company. In Germany politicians take a dim view of hedge funds and short-sellers – who profit from firms' falling share prices. As this paper found in the financial crisis, the latter are often the smartest investors.

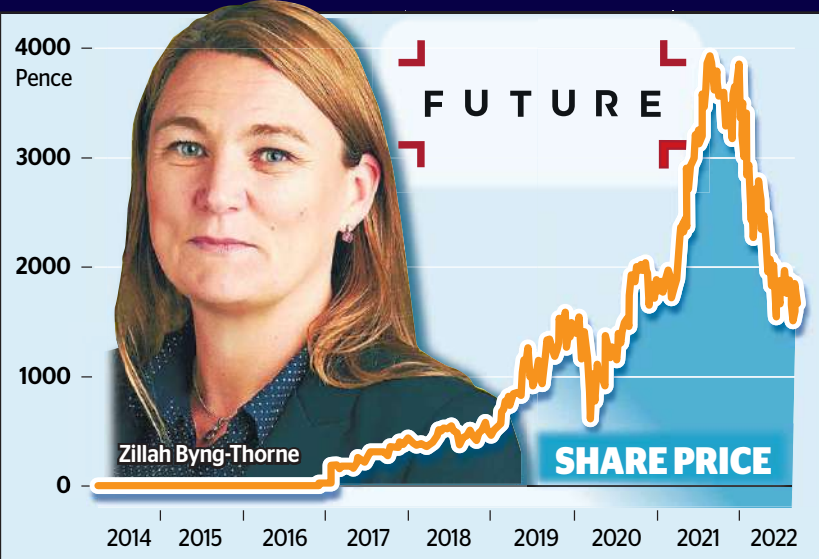
In the investigation of Wirecard it was intrepid short-sellers, from New York to France, who provided the leads and route to the documents which brought the lender down. *Skandal!* is not a slickly made docudrama in the tradition of *The Big Short*.

And the over-familiar relationship between FT journalists and some unsavoury characters in the south of France – who made millions of euros after receiving information that the paper would soon be publishing – could raise eyebrows. In this case, however, the ends may well justify the means.

There are some big takeaways for financial sleuths. The louder the complaints from PRs and lawyers, the more likely it is that you are getting closer to the truth.

It is often an unequal fight when big corporations are involved. But don't be bullied and don't give up.

### FUTURE TO KICK OFF ITS SEARCH FOR NEXT BOSS



FUTURE is set to kick off a search to replace chief executive Zillah Byng-Thorne by the end of next year.

The publishing empire behind Country Life and FourFourTwo has been told she is planning to step down after almost nine years at the company.

Byng-Thorne has been one of Britain's most successful bosses since taking the helm at Future in April 2014. The 47-year-old transformed Future from a £30m business on the brink of collapse to a £2bn empire of 250 titles.

The publisher's other major brands include TechRadar and Marie Claire. Sky News reported that Byng-Thorne

has told Future chairman Richard Huntingford she will retire in the next 18 months. Last week she was appointed Trustpilot's deputy chairman, with reports suggesting she will eventually take over as chairman.

She also left the board of struggling online retailer The Hut Group (THG), sending its shares plummeting.

Byng-Thorne has been rewarded handsomely for her turnaround of Future, taking home £35.6m in the past eight years. But the firm has faced rebellions from shareholders over a bonus package that could net her up to £40m. Future declined to comment.

## Fresh blow for LV members as panel scrapped

by Lucy White

LV HAS been accused of another attack on members' rights after it announced plans to ditch their representative panel.

The historic life insurer, which as a mutual is owned by its customers, traditionally held twice-yearly meetings with a group of members appointed by their peers to keep an eye on how the company is being run.

But in a letter sent to individuals on the 30-strong panel this month, seen by the Daily Mail, LV revealed it would abolish the group in favour of a broader 'online member community'.

Several members raised concerns that this would damage management's accountability and reduce engagement, as customers – the majority of whom are elderly – would be put off from joining an online forum.

Those who did take part would essentially be left talk-

ing over one another in online meetings which would 'descend into a Tower of Babel', one member feared.

Clarissa Johnson, an LV policyholder in her 70s, said: 'I don't know whether the new community will be effective or whether it's a sticking plaster... I do see this as another attack on members' rights.'

The panel usually convened on the same day as LV's annual general meeting and the insurer paid for travel expenses.

But at this year's AGM, scheduled for October 18, there will be no member panel meeting – and no one will have their travel covered.

At a time when the cost of living crisis is eating into families' budgets, the Mail understands that now few participants are sure they will attend.

John Higgins, an 86-year-old LV member, said: 'My own view is that online, Zoom-type meetings of this nature will descend into a Tower of Babel. A truly backward step!'

LV's customer-owned structure was key to its history. The 179-year-old firm was founded to help the poor of Liverpool pay for decent burials, and its mutuality meant it offered reasonably priced products without having to make a profit for cash-hungry shareholders.

But LV angered its 1.2m members last year when then-chairman and chief executive, Alan Cook and Mark Hartigan, tried to sell the business to private equity sharks Bain Capital. Members eventually voted the deal down.

An LV spokesman said the online community 'will enable participants to share their views more frequently on a variety of topics'.

## Takeaway spending first to be cut

SPENDING on takeaways and meals out will be first for the chop if a squeeze on incomes bites this autumn, a survey suggests.

Almost half of UK households said they would cut back on takeaways if they were forced to economise.

The research found 44pc would spend less on meals or drinking outside the home with the same number citing clothing and shoes as things they would scrimp on.

Broadband, groceries and personal care were mentioned as the three areas respon-

ents would cut back last. The report by LEK Consulting found many plan to combat price increases by switching to cheaper food alternatives such as supermarket own-brands or shopping at value supermarkets.

But it also found that consumers, many of whom have been on a spending spree after Covid restrictions came to an end, appear optimistic about their ability to manage through the upcoming downturn.

Half expect their standard of living will improve or stay the same over the next year.

## Steakhouse chain 'put up for sale'

STEAK restaurant business Hawksmoor is in the early stages of being put up for sale, according to City sources.

Private equity owner Graphite Capital has appointed investment bank Stephens to launch the process in 2023, a source said. Hawksmoor shelved plans for a flotation last year. It had been working with Berenberg Bank.

The first Hawksmoor was opened in 2006 in London by founders Will Beckett and

Huw Gott, who are minority shareholders. Graphite paid between £35m and £40m in 2013 for a controlling stake in the chain, which has seven restaurants in London as well as New York and Edinburgh branches.

City sources questioned the timing. Profits at many restaurant businesses are being hit by consumer spending cuts.

D&D London, which owns Quaglinos, axed a sale process this year after failing to find a buyer. Hawksmoor declined to comment.



Let it out:  
Andy Murray  
roars during  
his Davis Cup  
victory in  
Glasgow

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## TENNIS

by MIKE DICKSON

DEAD rubber or not, the crowds still flocked to see Andy Murray play in the Davis Cup at Glasgow's Emirates Arena, possibly for the last time.

Murray admitted afterwards that the potentially valedictory nature of yesterday's appearance had made him emotional in the final few games.

After a slow start he eventually saw off little-known Dmitry Popko of Kazakhstan 6-4, 6-3, with the match of a token nature as Great Britain were already confirmed to have missed out on November's finals week.

'I'm glad I got out there and played today. The crowd did make it special.

'If it is the last time, it's been amazing,' said the 35-year-old Scot, cheered on by the week's first capacity attendance.

'I'm sad that we might not get the opportunity to play here again. I only thought about it at about 5-2 today, to be honest, in the second set. I felt that a little bit at the end. I lost my focus a bit and felt a little bit emotional about that.' While the

# Murray thanks 'special' crowd in emotional win

sun gradually setting on the career of a great player is a cause for melancholy, it is conversely accompanied by some degree of optimism.

Murray simply may not warrant selection in future after last week's disappointing exit resulting from defeats by the USA and Holland. This will increasingly be the case if 20-year-old Jack Draper (currently injured) maintains his swift upward trajectory and Kyle Edmund gets back close to his previous level after knee problems.

'Moving forwards, it's obviously not going to be easy with the players that we have,' acknowledged Murray. 'Someone like Jack Draper is improving all the time. He'll be involved in the team for many years. Then obviously I don't know which way the captain will go with

the doubles after the results here.' It is nonetheless possible that Murray could be back in Glasgow as soon as February.

The GB team will have to play at that time in a qualifying playoff to get back to this week's group stage. That after what has been a major reverse to the broader feelgood factor around the elite end of the British game which has developed this year.

The biggest priority for captain Leon Smith is to try to sort out what is his best doubles team from the numerous permutations available.

Murray and Joe Salisbury lost both their deciding doubles matches. While their performance was not disastrous against accomplished teams, there appeared to be a lack of chemistry.

There was certainly an excess of faith placed in Murray by Smith on past ability, with him having hardly played in the format for three years.

Part of the problem is that Salisbury and Neal Skupski both have established foreign partners, with whom they would not want to split. One option going forward would be to look at Skupski and Dan Evans, who reached two Masters finals together last year.

GB avoided finishing bottom of their group when they completed a 2-1 win over the Kazakhs last night. After Cam Norrie had lost to Alexander Bublik 6-4, 6-3, Salisbury and Skupski defeated Bublik and Aleksandr Nedovyesov 7-6, 6-7, 7-6.

## FEDERER FAREWELL IN DOUBT

ROGER FEDERER will leave it late before deciding whether he can play in this week's Laver Cup at London's O2 Arena. The Swiss legend has earmarked the team event as his last appearance in top-level tennis after realising a full comeback from knee problems will not be possible at the age of 41. Yet there remains a doubt over whether he will be able to return to the court alongside team-mates including Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

'He will decide at the last moment,' his longtime fitness trainer Pierre Paganini told Switzerland's *Blick*. 'He's trained to have as much information as possible about whether it is a good idea or not.' Matteo Berrettini, the 2021 Wimbledon finalist, has been drafted in as an on-site reserve for Team Europe, who will play Team World in the three-day event, which starts on Friday. Federer will be there regardless of whether he plays or not.



by RIATH  
AL-SAMARRAI

## MacIntyre beats Fitzpatrick in play-off to win Italian Open, then roars...

# Now for the Ryder Cup

**B**ARELY a year out from the Ryder Cup in Rome, Robert MacIntyre overpowered both the Marco Simone course and a number of Europe's top golfers to win the Italian Open yesterday. That is a handy audition, all things considered.

With the European captain Luke Donald in attendance, the Scot shot the lowest round of the week with a 64, and when that was not enough for an outright victory, he then demonstrated the temperament to beat Matt Fitzpatrick on the first play-off hole.

It was only his second DP World Tour title, and his first since 2020, so it was an opportune moment for the 26-year-old to offer a reminder of the considerable talents that almost earned him selection for Europe in 2021.

'The Ryder Cup is my goal for the next year and I've won on this golf course,' said MacIntyre, who finished on 14 under par with US Open champion Fitzpatrick, one ahead of Victor Perez and two beyond fourth-placed Rory McIlroy.

'We are well away from the Ryder Cup, obviously, but I might

as well say it, it's my No 1 priority. I was close last time and it didn't work out. But this is what I want. I've made a good start.'

MacIntyre's win represents a heartening revival after a disappointing nine-month stretch, in which he fell from 60th in the world to 110. Against that slump, it is encouraging that he is beginning to closer resemble again the fine player who has twice finished in the top eight at the Open.

Starting his final round three behind Fitzpatrick, MacIntyre was near-perfect in his handling of the course where the Ryder Cup will be staged. While his driving kept him away from the worst dangers, with the Europeans hoping penal rough will strike inhibition into the American big hitters, MacIntyre truly excelled

on his second shots with irons in hand. Reaching the turn in 29, he had only required nine putts in collecting six birdies across nine holes — the accuracy of his approaches was immense.

A further two birdies at 12 and 13 followed a bogey at 10, with the Scot now in the lead and Fitzpatrick waiting for a spark after parring his opening nine holes.

That arrived for the Englishman with his first birdie at 11 and he then eagled the par-five 12th after hitting the flag with what would have been a 215-yard albatross. That tied him with MacIntyre at 13 under, with each man eventually meandering to 14 under for a play-off.

A drive into the left-hand rough by Fitzpatrick on a repeat of

the 18th ultimately proved decisive in favour of MacIntyre, whose 11th birdie in 19 holes gave him the win.

'I was down and out two or three months ago,' MacIntyre said.

'I didn't know what I was doing. I didn't know where to go. But I spoke to the right people and there's so much hard work gone into this. I didn't think it was going to come again.'

A week after finishing second at the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, it was another moderately underwhelming day for McIlroy. He resumed play a stroke behind Fitzpatrick but



Cup of cheer: MacIntyre celebrates with the Italian Open trophy

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was horribly wayward off the tee on the front nine, which he opened with a double bogey before gritting his way back to level par at the turn.

Birdies at 12, 13 and 15 moved McIlroy to 12 under, one off the lead, but he drove into water at the 16th to end his title push with a bogey before a birdie at the last lifted him back into the top four.



# SPORTS AGENDA

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## IT'S CURTAINS FOR STOKES' STAGE DEBUT

BEN STOKES'S stage debut has been called off. The England Test captain and Bazball hero launched the series *The Icons* and was due to appear live in Newcastle and Manchester on Thursday and Saturday respectively.

Stokes had gone on talkSPORT to preview the mini-tour, which was meant to see him in conversation with former *Love Island* star and professional boxer Josh Denzel.

The audience were promised that the lid would be lifted on England's 'incredible transformation' since Stokes teamed up with Brendon McCullum, with *Sportsmail* columnist David Lloyd joining Stokes and Denzel on stage at Manchester's Bridgewater Hall.

However, both events have been cancelled, with ticket-buyers refunded.

ETON are unlikely to face punishment after they played football matches last weekend, despite the Queen's death. The school was rumbled when opponents Rossall put photographs of the games on their Twitter account, before hastily removing them. Eton claimed the fixtures were 'friendlies' and 'trials', so were not outlawed by the FA's ban on games. That explanation, taken at face value, is likely to have done the trick, *Agenda* understands.

MUCH has been made of the Queen's love of various sports but one of the more remarkable stories to emerge involves Manchester United's 1999 Treble.

On the night of the Champions League final against Bayern Munich, the Queen was at the state opening of the new Welsh Assembly in Cardiff.

During the banquet she was being updated on the score by Tony Blair and is said to have let out an audible 'Whoopie' when the PM leaned over to inform her United had snatched a dramatic, late 2-1 victory.

The tale will feature in updated copies of Matt Dickinson's entertaining new book *1999: Manchester United, the Treble and All That*, about United's unprecedented season of success.

## CANADA DODGE KIT SHAMBLES AT WORLD CUP

NIKE'S new England men's football kits have received a lukewarm reception, with the home jersey — complete with an ugly splash of different shades of blue on the traditional white — subject to widespread derision. And it is not only England. Other nations have reacted with horror at what their players will be wearing at the World Cup, with Portugal's half red, half green effort coming in for particular stick.

It would appear, then, that Canada have dodged a bullet. The underdogs mounted a stunning campaign to reach the finals which appears to have caught many — including Nike — by surprise and they will have to stick with their current shirt. Kits were designed 18 months in advance, at a time when Canada's presence in Qatar was very much a long shot.

ANOTHER insightful yarn comes from the Queen's passion for horseracing, where trainers and jockeys have been recalling her encyclopaedic knowledge of the sport.

However, two-time Derby-winning trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam (right) remembers his encounters with the monarch for very different, although equally remarkable reasons.

The Newmarket trainer first won the Derby with Dr Devious in 1992 and recalled what happened when he went up to the Royal Box to be congratulated by the Queen.

He said: 'It was very hot and I was sweating profusely, so when she asked if I'd like a glass of champagne, I said I'd

love a cold beer. They sent out for a beer and when it came back it was boiling. She asked me why I wasn't drinking it, and I said, "It's very warm, ma'am".

Imagine Chapple-Hyam's surprise, then, when after winning the Derby 15 years later with Authorized in June 2007, the Queen not only remembered their encounter but also his drink of choice.

In an interview earlier this year, he revealed: 'I did a quick chat with Clare Balding, then went up to meet the Queen. This time, fair play to her, she said, "I know what you want, Peter — a nice, cold beer", and they had one waiting for me! How good was that?'

GIVEN they exist to find drugs cheats and out them to the public, it seems preposterous that UK Anti-Doping are advertising for a 'part-time' director of communications.

The drug-busters, who say they are 'on a mission to clean sport' in the job description, are looking for someone to join their senior management team. It would appear, however, that mission is only in play for 22 hours a week, the time the successful applicant would be expected to work.

That has triggered disbelief across the sporting world with some wondering whether UKAD, who employ a full-time head of comms, can be taken seriously.

Unpopular design: Harry Kane in England's strip NIKE



## Varian eyes Classic glory as it 'all clicks' for Sakheer

SAKHEER has Group One targets after routing his rivals in the Mill Reef Stakes, a victory which was leg six of a remarkable 34,838-1 seven-timer for trainer Roger Varian.

The magnificent seven was completed across three meetings, with jockey David Egan partnering three of the horses at Newbury, including Sakheer, who he suggested 'could be something special' after a facile success in the weekend's marquee juvenile contest.

Egan was also on board Stay Alert in the Group Three Dubai Duty Free Legacy Cup Stakes for trainer Hughie Morrison, but that was a considerably more complicated triumph than that of Sakheer, who delighted Varian in earning quotes as low as 7-1 for next season's 2,000 Guineas.

Varian said: 'His work has always been very good. We thought he

### RACING

By SAM TURNER

would win first time, but he ran into a smart filly (Magical Sunset) at Windsor. He then won well at Haydock and he looks good. How good, I don't know, but he is possibly the best of my two-year-olds.

'He has size and scope, he's very exciting and I think he'll stay seven furlongs or a mile. Everything is clicking. Sakheer is in the Middle Park, but it's next week, very soon. He would need supplementing for the Dewhurst, but those two races are probably the ones on the table.'

One trainer who won't be striving for more Classic glory is French legend Freddy Head, who will hand in his licence at the end of the year.

THERE is no racing in Britain today as a mark of respect for the Queen.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### CRICKET

ROYAL LONDON ONE-DAY CUP FINAL — Trent Bridge: Kent 306-6 (50 overs, J Evison 97, J Denly 78), Lancashire 285 (48.4 overs, S Croft 72, K Jennings 72). Kent beat Lancashire by 21 runs.

FIRST WOMEN'S ONE DAY INT'L — Hove: England 227-7 (50 overs, A Davidson-Richards 50na), India 232-3 (44.2 overs, S Mandhana 91, H Kaur 74no, V Bhatia 50). India won by 7 wickets.

### CYCLING

UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Wollongong, Australia) — Men's Time Trial: 1 T Foss (Nor) 40mins 2s, 4 E Hayter (GB) +40s, 5 Stefan Bissegger (Slo) +47s, 6 Tadej Pogacar (Slo) +48. Women's Time Trial: 1 E van Dijk (Hol) 44mins 28secs.

### GOLF

DS AUTOMOBILES ITALIAN OPEN (Rome) — Final scores (GB & Ire unless stated, Par 71): 270 — R MacIntyre 70 69 67 64 (won at first play-off hole); M Fitzpatrick 65 69 69 67; 271 — V Perez (F) 70 66 69 66; 272 — R McIlroy (Nir) 67 66 71 68; 273 — A Rai 69 70 65 69; L Herbert (A) 70 67 68 68; 274 — K Kitayama (US) 71 67 67 69; 275 — T Hatten 72 65 70 68; 276 — J Campillo (Sp) 70 71 68 67; 0 Bekker (SA) 68 70 68 70; 277 — M Korhonen (Fin) 73 67 68 69; 278 — J Smith 69 68 71 70; K Aphibarnrat (Tha) 70 73 68 67; D Whitnell 69 73 69 67; E Pepperell 67 73 70 68.

LACOSTE LADIES OPEN DE FRANCE (Deauville) — Final scores (GB & Ire unless stated): 199 — I Lakilech (Mor) 65 66 68 (won on extra play-off hole); M MacLaren 65 67 67; 202 — A Dagar (Ind) 72 66 64; 203 — A Meyssonnier (F) 67 70 66; 204 — C Hedwall (Swe) 68 69 67; 205 — C Wolf (Aut) 71 68 66; C Boutier (F) 67 67 71; 206 — L Harm (G) 67 71 68; K Spilkova (Cz) 67 69 70.

### ICE HOCKEY

ELITE LEAGUE: Nottingham 1 Coventry 6. PREMIER SPORTS CHALLENGE CUP — Group A: Belfast 2 Fife 1 (OT); Glasgow 1 Dundee 3. Group B: Cardiff 1 Guildford 3. Group C: Sheffield 5 Manchester 2.

### MOTORCYCLING

ARAGON MOTOGP (Spain): 1 E Bastianini (It) Ducati 41mins 35.46secs, 2 F Bagnaia (It) Ducati +0.042, 3 A Espargaro (Sp) Aprilia +6.139.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE Semi-final ST HELENS .....19 SALFORD .....12 St Helens — T: Batchelor 2, Bennison. G: Makinson 3. DG: Lomax. Salford — T: Watkins, Brierley. G: Sneyd 2. BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP — Play-off. Eliminator: Barrow 8 Batley 18.

### RUGBY UNION

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WASPS .....8 BRISTOL .....23 Wasps — T: Cruse. P: Atkinson. Bristol — T: Sheedy, Bradbury. C: Sheedy 2. P: Sheedy 2. DG: Sheedy. WORCESTER .....21 EXETER .....36 Worcester — T: Hearle, Simpson, Lawrence. C: Williams 2, Searle.

Exeter — T: J. Simmonds, Capstick 2, Woodburn, J Maunders. C: J Simmonds 4. P: J Simmonds.

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UNITED RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP — Edinburgh 44 Dragons 6, Lions 15 Blue Bulls 31, Scarlets 23 Ospreys 23, Ulster 36 Connacht 10, Zebre 29 Leinster 33, Cardiff Rugby 20 Munster 13. RFU CHAMPIONSHIP — Ampthill 17 Ealing Trailfinders 32, Bedford 49 London Scottish 36, Hartpury RFC 16 Doncaster 34, Jersey Reds 40 Coventry 14, Richmond 32 Caldy 34. Yesterday: Tykes 12 Cinderford 24, Plymouth Albion 24 Sale FC 27, Rams 59 Hull 26.

NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 — Cambridge 39 Taunton Titans 14, Darlington Mowden Park 24 Bishop's Cleeve 25, Leeds Tykes 12 Cinderford 24, Plymouth Albion 24 Sale FC 27, Rams 59 Hull 26. TENNIS DAVIS CUP FINALS — Group A: Croatia bt Serbia 3-0. Group B: Serbia bt Canada 2-1. Group C: France bt Belgium 2-1. Group D: Netherlands bt United States 2-1.





**ALEX BYWATER**  
at Sixways

 <b>WORCESTER</b>	<b>21</b>
 <b>EXETER</b>	<b>36</b>

**C**OWBOYS out, up the workers, read a sign on the way into Sixways yesterday. As messages go, it left little to the imagination and summed up exactly how the supporters of embattled Worcester feel as their club teeters on the edge of existence.

There remains a very real possibility this game could have been the Warriors' last. That it even took place at all was, frankly, a miracle. This was a match which drew a line in the sand for Worcester.

Unless owners Jason Whittingham and Colin Goldring can finalise a takeover of the club in the coming days, Warriors staff are set to strike. They have had enough and who can blame them?

The majority of Worcester employees, bar the players, have only been paid 65 per cent of their August salaries. Some have been paid nothing at all.

They have carried on heroically and worked wonders to ensure their team were able to play against Exeter. They won't do so again.

Off the field, Worcester's staff have excelled. On it, the club's players produced a backs-to-the-wall display which while not enough for victory, contained bags of fight and desire and proved just why this club must be saved.

'We can't keep going like this,' Worcester director of rugby Steve Diamond admitted after his team's 36-21 defeat. 'It's embarrassing for us to call ourselves a high-performance environment and for me to be involved when we are dealing with what we are dealing with.'

Worcester have certainly had to deal with unprecedented circumstances since the club was first served with a winding-up petition over an unpaid tax bill in August.

'I don't think any director of rugby has had to answer these sorts of questions before,' said Diamond, who was quizzed post-match about Worcester's financial future and whether his staff have been bullied in the workplace.

The owners yesterday released a

# Warrior spirit

## Worcester show fight, but staff threaten to strike with club on brink

### HOW THEY STAND

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Exeter.....	2	2	0	0	60	41	1	9
Bristol.....	2	2	0	0	54	37	1	9
Leicester.....	2	1	0	1	56	45	2	6
Northampton..	2	1	0	1	60	51	2	6
Harlequins.....	2	1	0	1	67	61	2	6
London Irish....	2	1	0	1	67	52	1	5
Gloucester.....	1	1	0	0	27	21	1	5
Saracens.....	1	1	0	0	30	27	1	5
Bath.....	2	0	0	2	49	68	1	1
Wasps.....	2	0	0	2	29	50	1	1
Newcastle.....	2	0	0	2	52	76	1	1
Worcester.....	2	0	0	2	35	81	0	0

lengthy statement claiming they were close to sealing a sale of Worcester to a new, unnamed buyer who is prepared to immediately pump in financial funds which will seal the future of the club.

But the pair, who have now lost the trust of everyone connected to Worcester, said as much last Friday and patience with the 'cowboys' has now run out.

'The owners came in with a cider budget and wanted a champagne club,' former Worcester forward Martin Hooper — who has been a season ticket holder for the last six years — told *Sportsmail*.

'The lack of communication from the owners has been a disgrace. My message to them is tell us the truth and get a deal done. If we have to go into administration,

let's face the music. This club has to be saved.'

Worcester are due to travel to Gloucester for a cup game on Wednesday and then host Newcastle in the league on Saturday. The reality is those games won't happen unless a takeover is completed soon. They can't even afford the fees to register new players they require for the Gloucester game.

Doing so costs just £45 a time, but the finances simply aren't there. The fact the Exeter game took place was only because staff worked despite not receiving their full pay packets. Stewards at Sixways yesterday volunteered their services free of charge.

The required ground safety certificate was signed off at the 11th hour while the overflowing bins at Sixways were only cleared on the eve of kick-off by Bromsgrove Council. Worcestershire Council had not been paid to do so by the Warriors. 'I must thank the crowd. You can see what it means for us to be here,' said Worcester captain Francois Venter.

'It's been tough, but hopefully it's all going to get sorted out. We still don't know what's going on and the uncertainty is what gets you mentally. It will be a shame if that was our last game.'

Whittingham and Goldring were not at Sixways, but said in a statement yesterday: 'Next week's games and staff commitment to them will, I expect, depend on the



strength of our communication and actions in the coming days.'

*Sportsmail* understands last week, Worcester commercial director Adam Palfrey told staff they would lose their jobs if they vented their fury at not being paid or criticised the owners, though Diamond expressed disbelief at this.

Whittingham said: 'There is anger on both sides and that has led to conflict. The recent communication posted on the official channels of the club was a breach of contractual obligations. But we're not looking to sack anyone.'

In front of a crowd limited to just 4,999 for safety reasons, Worcester's players were given a guard of honour on to the field by the staff who had worked through the night to get the game on. Exeter led 22-7 at the break thanks to Joe Simmonds and a Richard Capstick

brace. Alex Hearle's try for Worcester sent the Warriors fans wild after the break and they closed to within eight points as Gareth Simpson and impressive centre Ollie Lawrence also crossed.

Worcester's fans stood on their feet and applauded the club's staff in the 65th minute to reflect the percentage of their due payments they've received.

It was a poignant, even emotional moment. But second-half Exeter tries from Olly Woodburn and Jack Maunder gave the Chiefs a bonus-point win. In front of England head coach Eddie Jones, wing Jack Nowell stood out.

Had Worcester not lost Murray McCallum to the sin bin and been able to get their woeful line-out working, they might have won.

The next few days will decide if the club has a future.

# Canelo gives epic trilogy fitting finale

IT WASN'T the Thrilla in Manila, where Muhammad Ali settled their unholy trilogy when he thought he was dying just as Joe Frazier was retired when virtually blinded.

It wasn't even episode three of Tyson Fury v Deontay Wilder, when the Gypsy King finally knocked the Bronze Bomber into the middle of next year.

But it was a fitting enough conclusion to a rivalry which was electrifying in its first two parts and honest enough in its unanimous decision to seal the matter without recrimination or regrets.

The third edition of the epic Canelo-Triple G series did not come fully alive until Gennady Golovkin found from somewhere in his 40-year-old body the strength and energy to give Saul Alvarez a fight and his adoring

### BOXING

**JEFF POWELL** ringside at the T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas

thousands of Mexican fans a fight.

A fight for the undisputed world super-middleweight title which Canelo appeared to have locked, stocked and barrelled by half-time suddenly burst into a climax.

That near-resurrection of the Kazakh technician, who looked to be growing old before our eyes in the earlier rounds, made it close enough to turn my scorecard into a draw.

But when it is that close there is no quibble from me with the two judges who voted 115-113 in favour of the virtual hometown boy. The third official was a tad over-the-top at 116-112 — but what the hell!

The two best fighters of their generation gave boxing what it badly needed after the controversies of the scoring of the first two fights as an improper win for Alvarez followed by an unlikely draw. A definitive, unprotested result.

Behind the technicalities of the cards there is a feeling that Canelo deserved to apply his exclamation point. Golovkin's mistake was in starting slowly. At the end he did a little too little, too late.

But the effort enabled him to join in embrace with his younger adversary before their final farewells. To congratulate Alvarez and to exchange rich compliments as one great fighter to another.

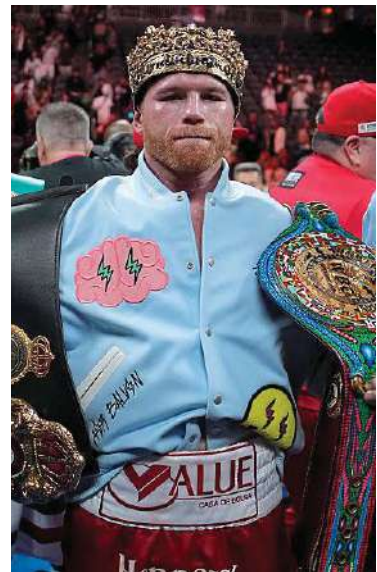
The fractured hand underlined how hard Canelo was hitting Golovkin and he said: 'I'm going to need surgery before I fight again.' That he would like to be in

a rematch with Dmitry Bivol, the unheralded Russian he took too lightly four months ago and proved also to be too big for him at light-heavyweight.

Canelo added: 'It was a privilege to share the ring with Triple G and I have more history to make.'

Whither Golovkin? Asked whether this second defeat by Canelo spelled retirement he said: 'I still feel good. I still feel strong. I have lost only twice, to one of the greatest fighters in the world and I am unhurt. And I am still the unified world middleweight champion.' Going down in weight but still up for what he calls 'this dangerous game which can be very damaging'. A trilogy born in enmity has ended in mutual admiration.

For which we can all be truly thankful.



**Winner: Canelo Alvarez wants to fight Dmitry Bivol** GETTY IMAGES



Not giving in: Tom Dodd and Valery Molorov team up as Eddie Jones observes

REX



Taking a stand: Worcester staff and supporters let their fury at their owners be known

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## Double blow for Leeds as key men ruled out of Grand Final

LEEDS RHINOS have been dealt a devastating double blow after Aidan Sezer and Morgan Gannon were ruled out of Saturday's Grand Final against St Helens with concussion. Key playmaker Sezer was forced off with a head injury after being poleaxed by England forward John Bateman during Friday's play-off semi-final win at Wigan Warriors. Bateman was shown a straight red card and is set to earn a ban which would rule him out of at least part of England's World Cup campaign. Leeds coach Rohan Smith yesterday confirmed Sezer had failed his Head Injury Assessment and would miss the title decider. Highly-rated back-rower Gannon, 18, will also be out as he is still experiencing symptoms from a

### RUGBY LEAGUE

By ROSS HEPPENSTALL

heavy concussion sustained in the win at Catalans the week before. Smith said: 'Aidan is shattered. He feels healthy but is clearly disappointed to be missing out. 'Morgan won't be playing either. We won't accelerate any return to play given he's an 18-year-old boy and this was his second head knock of the season. Looking after young players is something I feel very strongly about.' Leeds' star centre Harry Newman, 22, will also miss the Grand Final and World Cup after suffering a setback in his rehabilitation from a hamstring injury.

# Chris Foy

WORLD OF RUGBY



## Rugby is crying out for a Drive to Survive project

NORTHAMPTON are showing the way for a sport which needs to abandon secrecy and bare its soul to create more box-office appeal.

The Saints have released another short, behind-the-scenes film — the third the club have produced — which allows viewers to see Phil Dowson's squad undertake the gruelling pre-season 'Blakiston Challenge', named after former captain and war hero Sir Arthur Blakiston. It follows two previous films which focused on Northampton's quest to reach the 2022 Premiership final.

These impressive productions by the Saints provide the sort of insight which is too often lacking in a game so used to keeping its true nature hidden. They should be seized upon as an example of what can be done to raise interest levels outside of the traditional, ageing supporter demographic.

Rugby has all the ingredients for the sort of documentary series which have become such a familiar staple on the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. The uninitiated could become hooked if they were given a glimpse of the raw human emotion on which the game is founded.

Take people through the door and into those inner sanctums where it is fiery and unvarnished; into changing rooms before kick-off and after games, to witness the tough

talking, nerves and tension, elation and dejection, the physical toll and the collective spirit. Rugby's confrontational intensity would create no end of compelling content.

Think of all the bitter rivalries, the training-ground fights and all the other warts-and-all elements which are kept out of sight, but could allow the wider public to understand what makes the leading protagonists tick.

Look at Lewis Ludlam's fired-up speeches to his fellow Saints in the club's films for an example of the passionate commitment which would resonate.

Dan Biggar is another prominent voice and the Wales captain is cut from the same cloth, as someone who inspires with his words, as well as his deeds. There's plenty of swearing — bleeped out — but that's the reality of rugby changing rooms.

The famous *Living With Lions* documentary from the 1997

tour of South Africa provided the blueprint for this genre, but subsequent versions became too commercialised and sanitised.

At least Andy Farrell's iconic 'Hurt Arena' address to the British and Irish squad in 2013 cut through all the branding and polish. Viewers won't be drawn to content which isn't raw and real.

Formula One has been transformed by the *Drive to Survive* series and rugby needs a similar boost.

It is a mystery why Saracens' redemption story didn't end up as a documentary; from relegation in disgrace to a title near-miss on their first season back in the Premiership. That would have been classic sporting drama.

Let people see the beating heart of the sport and it would take off with a new audience. Rugby needs to sell itself.

Northampton are showing the way forward.

● MARCUS SMITH'S (right) non-appearance at The Stoop for the derby against Saracens further highlights the farcical problem of fixture congestion — and overlap between Test and club rugby — which continues to diminish the 'product' for supporters.

The problem of player availability and vital rest periods is not a new one, and there is no immediate prospect of a solution which allows clubs to operate at full strength far more often.

The only way to reduce the number of matches, to eradicate the spectre of weakened line-ups, is to find ways for the domestic game to be more financially viable. Everyone is scrabbling for their slice of a financial pie which just isn't big enough to go around. So there have to be compromises, which means top-end club fixtures are too often blighted by the absence of the marquee players. Perhaps clubs could play less and charge more for entry, but that won't go down well in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis. English rugby is not about to embrace a central-contracts revolution, so the reality is that it will continue to blunder along with messy compromises.



● THESE are early days, but Sale are top of the Premiership table with maximum points and they have the credentials to emerge as genuine title challengers. Alex Sanderson is able to deploy a big, tough Anglo-South African pack which should be a match for any rival unit and the Sharks recruited well, with the additions of Jonny Hill and Tom O'Flaherty from Exeter. Crucially, they are functioning well without another new signing, George Ford, and his availability in December or early January should give them fresh, mid-season impetus. In the meantime, having the England fly-half around — with all his game-management nous — will be like acquiring another pedigree attack coach.

### THE LAST WORD

NIGEL OWENS has voiced support for French referee Mathieu Raynal and hopefully the Welshman's intervention will balance out so much noisy outrage Down Under. Australia were denied victory over the All Blacks in Melbourne last Thursday when their fly-half, Bernard Foley was penalised for time-wasting as his side strove to protect a narrow lead. From the attacking scrum they were awarded, the Kiwis snatched victory with a Jordie Barrett try. Raynal has been castigated, but he was absolutely right after repeatedly urging Foley

to play on. Time-wasting is a blight on the game and must be eradicated. Raynal's actions were criticised as harsh and unprecedented, but they must serve as a precedent for consistent action on this critical issue. The official deserves credit for taking an important stand, not damnation from one-eyed pundits. Now, the Rugby Championship is heading for a grandstand finish and if Australia can harness their sense of injustice at Eden Park on Saturday, they might just put up enough of a fight to allow the Springboks to take the title.





*Introducing*  
**MOEEN ALI**  
*Sportsmail's new bold  
and outspoken columnist*

**W**HEN my grandfather Shafayat came to England from Pakistan after the Second World War, I doubt even he would have imagined that his grandson would return to the country of his heritage and represent his adopted country as a professional sportsman.

I have been privileged enough to do many overseas trips as an England cricketer from Australia to South Africa to the Caribbean but this tour to Pakistan might be the most special of the lot.

It is going to be memorable playing in front of the Pakistani crowds and also an immense honour to deputise for Jos Buttler, while he recovers from injury, and captain England.

For those who do not know, my family background is both English and Pakistani. In fact, my late grandmother was called Betty Cox but I reckon the cricketing side of me definitely comes from my Pakistani side. I grew up playing the game with a taped up ball like they do in Pakistan and my dad always says I have had that Asian style of playing the game without any fear.

Indeed, it is the first time an England men's side has come to Pakistan since 2005. I was 18 then. I'm 35 now and I must admit I have been looking forward to this trip for a long time. The fact that England are here is huge and it definitely feels like there is something to it.

Quite a few of the squad, including myself, have played in the PSL (Pakistan's T20 competition) and trust me, the love and the passion for the game in this area of the world is second to none. I have been here a few times now but sharing this journey with Adil Rashid, who is also of Pakistani heritage, was a particularly proud moment.

It was a real pinch-me moment when we got off the plane at Jinnah International Airport in Karachi in our England gear.

This country holds a special place in my heart, for it was here where my mother was born and it was in Karachi where my dad and his twin brother had their lives saved by a doctor when they were seven months old.

They fell ill in the village of Dadyal which is in Kashmir. Back then, Dadyal was a basic village and both my father and uncle were taken to Karachi for medical help.

We are hoping we can raise the morale of the country by playing cricket in times of difficulty, with the devastating floods that have sadly affected Pakistan. It is a great initiative by the ECB to match our

**Going big: Moeen Ali will be looking to hit the heights in Pakistan**

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donation as players to the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal.

We arrived in the hustle and bustle of Karachi on Thursday morning. Over here, they have granted us VVIP protection — the level given to heads of state — so straight from the plane, we were escorted into bulletproof buses and

escorted by an armed convoy to the team hotel.

Of course, this tour is important for cricket and it is also crucial for us as a side. Seven T20s will be a stern test in these conditions and a good pointer for where we are, ahead of the World Cup in Australia next month.

Our side has undergone some change since last year's agonising defeat to New Zealand in the World Cup semi-final and the retirement of Eoin Morgan and the freak injury to Jonny Bairstow means that personally, there

is some extra responsibility on my shoulders as one of the seniors but it is something I am looking forward to. As long as I play my best cricket, that is all that matters.

It is not a full-strength squad out here but it is an exciting squad with experience and lots of young talent. With seven games, there is plenty of opportunity for someone to thrive. I'm delighted for Tom Helm who was excellent for us in the Hundred and it is good to see Olly Stone fit and firing again. It is great to see some new faces and some of the older faces back with the squad, like Chris Woakes and Mark Wood.

I'm looking forward to seeing Alex Hales play. He is a gun player with experience of performing in Pakistan and Australia and as Jos said in the first press conference, we discussed internally and no one had any issues with his recall. What's done is done and we are looking forward to seeing him perform in an England shirt again.

Touring life can be tough, especially when we are restricted to the hotels and grounds like we are here and being away from family is challenging. The hardest part is saying goodbye to my family and my two kids — Abu Bakr and Haadhiya. They are old enough now and they get why their dad has to leave home, but no matter how many times we do it in this job, it is never

### THE STORY OF MOEEN'S CAREER SO FAR...

- **BORN and raised in Sparkhill, Birmingham, where his grandfather married an English woman after emigrating from Pakistan.**
- **SIGNED for Warwickshire aged 15 and made his First-Class debut two years later in 2005.**
- **JOINED rivals Worcestershire in 2007 after seeing first team opportunities limited.**

- **FLOURISHED at New Road, leading to England debuts across all formats in 2014.**
- **REACHED his Test high-score of 155\* in a memorable innings against Sri Lanka in 2016.**
- **CLAIMED the first Test hat-trick at the Oval against South Africa in 2017.**
- **PART of England's World Cup winning side in 2019, playing five matches.**
- **BECAME England's first Asian-origin captain since 2003 in 2021.**

## Player-coach roles mooted for veterans Anderson

**JIMMY ANDERSON** and Stuart Broad could finish their Test careers in player-coach roles under plans to thin England's backroom staff.

A locum bowling coach from the county game is being sought to help prepare for England's next series here in Pakistan — a pre-tour training camp will be held in Abu Dhabi in November. But *Sportsmail* understands that coach Brendon McCullum's preference in the longer term is to use the expertise of the team's veteran seamers rather than

**RICHARD GIBSON**  
in Karachi

permanently replace the outgoing Jon Lewis.

McCullum is known to want a streamlining of the support staff within the Test environment, and with Lewis returning to work within the ECB's pathway system, it would mean a duo who have shared 997 Test wickets when playing together grooming their successors.

Such a process could be trialled on the two-Test tour of New

Zealand in February, which sits outside of international cricket's Future Tours Programme.

Without World Test Championship points on the line, the selectors may be more inclined to rotate Anderson, 40, and Broad, 36, leaving the one sat out to help oversee net practice. Both men have drawn praise from McCullum and captain Ben Stokes for the way they have passed on their knowledge in the dressing room and on his return to the fold last month, Ollie Robinson paid tribute to their

tactical input. The end of the international home summer has coincided with McCullum and his white-ball counterpart Matthew Mott choosing those that work under them.

Paul Collingwood, Marcus Trescothick and Jeetan Patel appear set to continue as assistants with the Test team, while Mott has recruited David Saker and Mike Hussey for the next two months of limited-overs cricket.

Rob Key, England's managing director, is also looking to appoint

a new head of selection, with the closing date for applications for the position the end of next week. Key is with the Twenty20 squad but will return home to finalise that appointment before the seven-match series moves to Lahore. Meanwhile, Sam Curran has acknowledged that a strong Twenty20 series against Pakistan could seal his return for December's three Tests. The Surrey all-rounder made the last of his 24 appearances 13 months ago in the innings win over India at Headingley.





Having a ball:  
Moeen Ali  
enjoys a practice  
session in Karachi  
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# Host of English stars to cash in on South Africa T20 franchise

**EXCLUSIVE**  
By LAWRENCE BOOTH

CRICKET will today take another huge step down the T20 franchise route when more than 50 English players are auctioned for a new tournament in South Africa — with Graeme Smith hoping it will grow to become second only on the global stage to the IPL.

Smith, who captained South Africa in a world-record 108 Tests and is commissioner of the new SA20 league, insisted the competition would provide the sport in his country with a financial lifeline.

And he warned that domestic leagues around the world were only going to get stronger, at a time when many fear for the future of the international game.

Five of the competition's 22 pre-signed players are English, with the likes of Jos Buttler and Liam Livingstone set to earn close to £450,000; Sam Curran, Reece Topley and Moeen Ali make up the quintet.

Four others — Eoin Morgan, Jason Roy, Tymal Mills and Adil Rashid — are in an eight-strong top tier of players up for sale in Cape Town to the six franchises, who are all bankrolled by companies that own teams in the IPL. Those four will each pick up at least £85,000.

In all, 318 cricketers of 13 nationalities — though none from India — hope to form part of the six 17-man squads.

'It's very important for a nation like South Africa to own something that, commercially, could be a big thing,' Smith told *Sportsmail*. 'Cricket in South Africa has lost a bit of its gravitas.'

'What world cricket doesn't need is for South Africa to fall back. To keep that strength, there had to be something South African cricket had that they could grow. Hopefully it will benefit us like the IPL has benefited Indian cricket.'

Asked if he felt the SA20 — which will be held in January and February, clashing with Australia's Big Bash League and another new



Top pick: all-rounder Sam Curran is one of the SA20's pre-signed players  
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T20 tournament in the UAE — could eclipse all rivals bar the IPL, he replied: 'That is one of our beliefs, that we can position it that way.'

The cash-strapped South African board have been criticised for prioritising the tournament over the international game, with their ODI team sacrificing a three-match series in Australia to ensure the availability of the best talent for the SA20.

But Smith said attempts to reschedule the ODIs had not been reciprocated by Australia, and suggested it was unfair that his country regularly missed out on a prime chunk of their home summer, when the Australians regard their Boxing Day and New Year Tests in Melbourne and Sydney as immovable feasts.

The first edition of the SA20 is likely to coincide with England's delayed three-match ODI series in

South Africa early next year, though Smith said every effort would be made to avoid a direct clash.

But he added cricket's administrators needed to work out how to allow the co-existence of T20 leagues and the international game, saying: 'Does cricket become more like a football model, where it gets domestic-based, with a period for international cricket and events like World Cups?'

He also played down concerns about the influx of private capital, with the SA20 effectively becoming a satellite event owned by the IPL and broadcast to huge Indian audiences.

'These (IPL) brands are getting stronger,' he said. 'I've been really impressed with their care for the game. They're not coming to South Africa on a jolly. They're here, they're investing and they want the cricket to be successful.'

easy. This is the start of a busy winter schedule that sees England playing in Pakistan, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Bangladesh. I will also be playing in the new UAE T20 franchise league which starts in January.

There has been some talk in the media about the Test tour to Pakistan in December. Watching the Test side this summer has been amazing and seeing the way that Baz (Brendon McCullum) and Stokesy (Ben Stokes) have shifted the momentum. It has been a breath of fresh air.

From an outsider looking in, it is exciting and it is a brand of cricket that fits in exactly with how I like to play my cricket, with freedom and aggression.

I know I said I was unretired this summer after Baz gave me a call. I have had a few

conversations with Baz and he is a guy who is very tough to say no to! But I have got to be honest with myself, I retired from Test cricket for a range of reasons.

I have not yet decided so let's see. It is still a few months away but at the moment, my focus is on the opportunity immediately in front of us to prepare and give ourselves the best chance of winning another World Cup for England.

**MOEEN ALI OBE will be writing exclusively for *Sportsmail* throughout England's tour of Pakistan. You can donate to the Pakistan Floods Appeal via: [dec.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal](https://dec.org.uk/appeal/pakistan-floods-appeal)**

## and Broad

However, after recovering from a stress fracture of the back that has limited his bowling since, the 24-year-old is keen to represent England as much as possible. 'I want to play all formats if I can,' Curran said. 'I think if you do well in one format, you can keep that confidence going through to other formats. The biggest thing this summer was getting my body through it when I did. 'Whenever that tour comes about, hopefully my body is in a position that allows me to bowl enough.'



No olds barred: veteran Darren Stevens after Kent's win  
ECB

## Kent hero hails 'legend' Stevens

JOEY EVISON paid tribute to 'Kent legend' Darren Stevens after helping the county secure their first one-day trophy in 44 years with a 21-run win over Lancashire.

The 46-year-old Stevens had already been playing first-class cricket for five summers by the time Evison was born in 2001, and is now on the lookout for another county after Kent declined to extend his 18-season stay at Canterbury. Part of the reason is because Kent recently

signed Evison — another seam-bowling all-rounder — on loan from Nottinghamshire. He will join the club full-time at the end of the season, but in the meantime claimed the match award in Saturday's Royal London Cup final at Trent Bridge. First he hit 97 in an imposing Kent total of 306 for six. Then he took two wickets and held a superb catch as Lancashire were restricted to 285, helping Kent to their first one-day silverware since 1978.

Evison said it had been 'absolutely brilliant' to help Stevens sign off in style. 'All the fans were shouting "One more year" to him, which was nice,' he said. 'To be playing the way he is at 46, he's been such a massive Kent legend. It's been an honour to play with him. 'The reason I left Notts was because of opportunities. I had such a good time here, but it was nice to show the Kent fans what I'm made of.'

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## DAVID GOWER

Former England cricket captain and TV commentator who was awarded the OBE

## I went too far during lunch at the Palace!

I AM a big royalist, so it was always a huge moment for me when Her Majesty popped into Lord's. Needless to say, she dealt with her duties with her usual equanimity.

For an England captain invited to introduce his players to the Queen on the outfield, the etiquette was simple. She would enter through the Long Room and be presented to you by the MCC secretary. You nod, take her down the line, and try to remember the names.

Keith Fletcher, one of my predecessors, was never great in that regard, and might have made up a few, but I think I got away with it.

There have been plenty of stories about who said what to her during the line-ups. The Australia fast bowler Dennis Lillee reportedly asked her for an autograph, while England off-spinner Pat Pocock requested tickets for the FA Cup final.

During my leadership, everyone seemed on their best behaviour.

If you weren't in the field, you might have an audience with her in the committee room. Prince



Style: the Queen tries Gower's sunglasses in 1994

Philip was the cricketer in the family, and the Queen didn't come to Lord's every year. But she was always impeccable.

Once, I was lucky enough to be invited to the Palace. The Queen used to do these intimate lunches for seven or eight guests, and it was all very relaxed. She played a full part in conversation. We had people from every walk of life and you discussed all things under the sun.

She was very interested in everyone, and always well briefed. There was a jockey present, and we discussed helmets — for riding and batting.

I remember taking it a little bit too far with the gory details about what happens if one gets hit without one. The general agreement was, 'Well, let's move on from there. It sounds as though it's much better to wear one...'

One year, I arrived in Barbados and was met by a message inviting me to drinks and dinner on the Royal Yacht Britannia. I was not exactly prepared, and had to borrow a dinner suit, some size-nine black shoes, and try to look the part. I presented myself at the docks in Bridgetown, among the great and good of Barbados, including Clyde Walcott and Everton Weekes, with the ladies wearing gloves up to their elbows and beyond.

I walked up the gangplank, where the welcoming party was Her Majesty and Prince Philip. Her first words were, 'Oh, what are you doing here?' The implication, I like to think, was that it was someone she recognised.

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# Queen of all our sports

## Stars unite to share their most joyous memories of Her Majesty

### RACING

JOHN GOSDEN, who received an OBE in 2017 and trained numerous winners in the royal colours, recounts one visit from the Queen with great fondness.

'I remember very well that we presented all our horses to her three years ago and then she said she would like to see Enable,' said Gosden. 'Frankie Dettori was here and he decided to be master of ceremonies. So, Enable was walking round, and Frankie looked at the filly and said, "You may think you are the Queen, but that is the real Queen!"'

'The Queen had a great feel for horses, she would love to see all the foals and yearlings and she was passionate about the breed. It was her joy and relaxation. The trainers would call at 10am and you were given your slot to talk to the Queen about her runners.'

'They were always wonderful conversations because you would talk about the horse and the race and then



Floral tributes: the Queen's statue in Newmarket PA

## How the Monarch used statue to trump Trump

talk about other things. We were very privileged.'

Gosden also revealed how a gift for the Queen featured in one prominent US Presidential visit.

'We set up a statue of the Queen standing with a mare and a foal at the top of Newmarket and there were maquettes (scale models)

done of the statue and the Queen was presented with one in the house here.'

'She immediately said, "I know where that is going" and there was a State visit from President Trump a few days later. Of course, Trump liked to stand rather largely in front of everybody and there in the Buckingham

Palace rotunda room is Trump but even his tummy could not block out the size of this maquette of the Queen and the mare and foal sitting on the round table.'

Ian Balding, who like Gosden was a long-time trainer for the Queen, recalls when misinformation earned him a swift riposte from racing's most famous ambassador.

He said: 'I can remember writing to her one time, as I had read that she had given up riding and I knew how it would upset her. So, I wrote and said, "I'm so sorry Ma'am that you have had to give up riding and I feel for you".'

'Anyway, I had a reply, literally by return of post, saying, "I have not given up riding", so I was delighted by that.'

'It was lovely if you happened to have a winner for the Queen as you could see the pleasure and the excitement. I couldn't begin to tell you how important she has been to the racing world.'

Richard Hughes rode 51 winners for Her Majesty and trained his first winner in her colours when Patchwork

I WAS privileged to meet the Queen on several occasions but three stand out and I feel incredibly lucky to be able to say that.

The first was in November 1980 when I played in a centenary match to mark the 100th anniversary of the Welsh Rugby Union at Cardiff Arms Park.

I was in an England and Wales combined team and we faced an opposition made up of the best from Ireland and Scotland. I was in the same back-line as Welsh greats like JPR Williams and Terry Holmes. That was big enough in itself as it was my first year of international rugby but it was so surreal when we were introduced to the Queen before kick-off.

I was in my early 20s, I was from

## We were greeted by pack of corgis after World Cup

### SIR CLIVE WOODWARD

Knighted by the Queen after winning 2003 World Cup

a service family, my father being a pilot in the RAF. I remember thinking to myself, 'Wow, I cannot believe this is happening.' I've never forgotten that moment of shaking hands with the Queen and I know how proud my family were.

More than two decades later, we were able to celebrate England's World Cup win at Buckingham Palace. I was stood at the front of

two massive doors with Martin Johnson, the captain, and what was funny was there was this moment which was very similar to the video in which the Queen met Daniel Craig as part of the 2012 Olympics. Someone announced the Queen was coming, the doors opened but before she arrived, about four or five corgis ran out first! What they say about the

corgis is true — they're everywhere! I genuinely felt like the Queen enjoyed that day. She was in her element hosting the England team. Many people have commented on how welcoming she was and I can attest to that. She had a great way with the players and she went out of her way to speak to the players' partners which really was special as I know how much it meant to Jayne my wife.

After winning the World Cup, it really added an extra dimension to the success by presenting the trophy to the Queen. She had achieved so much but was clearly

very touched at being part of this extraordinary occasion. From my perspective, it was something I could never have dreamed of and something you never ever forget.

The following year, I was incredibly fortunate to be knighted.

When it came to my turn, I was delighted the Queen was in attendance. My three children were allowed to attend and it is something they still talk about.

The Queen's service to this country has been nothing short of remarkable and I feel very lucky to have shared a handful of moments with her.





**Victorious:**  
the Queen and  
John Warren  
celebrate  
Estimate's  
Royal Ascot  
win in 2013

MARK LARGE

won at Redcar in 2017. 'Having a winner for the Queen was like having 10 winners. I'm very privileged and lucky to have trained for such a wonderful woman.'

Just two days before her passing on September 8, the Queen celebrated her final winner, Love Affairs at Goodwood, with racing manager John Warren.

He revealed that even in the week of her death, Her Majesty was still strategising and planning future targets for her horses.

Warren said: 'She was in such a healthy state of mind and in tremendous form. We sat there for hours strategising and making plans. I think the nicest thing for me is to know that she was surrounded by her family members.'

'I left her on Monday afternoon, the Prime Ministers were coming on the Tuesday and she had a winner on that day. That evening she was in really good form, delighted she had had a winner, and she talked about the Prime Ministers coming in and out.'

**SAM TURNER**

## LORD COE

*Double Olympic champion  
and athletics chief*

**I CAN** say with some confidence that the Queen was a huge champion of British sport. Over her long reign, she worked in her quiet and diligent way behind the scenes to promote the prospects of generations of athletes.

My association with Her Majesty goes back to when she and the Duke of Edinburgh hosted those of us who set world records in British vests, and I can attest to the fact that she took the keenest possible interest in what we were all doing. Her empathetic appreciation can only have been helped by Princess Anne's own achievements in equestrianism. Of course, the Princess Royal, as she became, was one of the great

## Her Majesty's Olympic arrival in 2012 is iconic

supporters of the London Olympics as an important IOC member. So was the Queen. She hosted the IOC Evaluation Commission while we were still vying to host the Games in 2012. She even waved the commission members goodbye from the balcony. But nothing could beat her contribution to the opening ceremony, when she greeted James Bond at her desk and arrived at the stadium by helicopter.

I can tell you I was a little nervous about this whole concept when Danny Boyle put it to me. Would the Queen even acquiesce to it? I knew these scenes had to be done in the most affectionate and sensitive way — something Daniel Craig got absolutely

right, down to looking out of the helicopter's gaping hole to check it was safe for her to parachute out.

I was sitting next to the new King, the now Prince of Wales and Duke of Sussex during the ceremony. None of them knew what was about to unfold. So when the sequence began with the corgis running into shot, Charles looked at me and laughed somewhat apprehensively. Then the camera cut to Her Majesty's back. Nobody believed it was actually her.

As the stadium roared its realisation that it was the Queen, I heard two voices behind me exclaim: 'Go, Grannie!' What a moment. It set the tone for the whole fortnight's carnival of sport.

**JONATHAN MCEVOY**

## She inspired me to win Wimbledon

### VIRGINIA WADE

*1977 Wimbledon winner and OBE*

with copious tears. Tennis took a back seat,' said the three-time Grand Slam champion. 'It was surreal winning in front of her and knowing she would be in attendance was motivating to me. 'The interaction with her was extraordinarily special. I heard the Queen was coming and I said to myself, "I'm going to be there. It might be my

one and only chance and I'm going to win". So I had this destiny in a way. 'It's humbling to reflect I am the only tennis player to have been presented a winner's trophy by the Queen since, I think, Althea Gibson (in 1957). I believe anyone who had any interaction with the Queen would remember it for ever.' Queen Elizabeth was not a huge tennis fan but made one of her rare visits to Wimbledon in 2010, where she had lunch with Wade and several other former top British players such as Roger Taylor. 'She was the most important woman in

## LAWRIE McMENEMY

*Former guardsman and manager  
of FA Cup winners Southampton*

## I was so lucky to have chances to get so close to her

I WAS a teenager when I reported for National Service and the man on the desk took one look at me standing over six feet tall and decided it was the Guards for me. I landed in the first battalion of the Coldstream Guards based at Chelsea Barracks and we worked regularly at Buckingham Palace.

Sometimes at the front of the palace — outside the gates in those days so members of the public would stand next to you and take photographs — we would have to present arms when the Royal family came out in their limousines.

On guard in the gardens behind the house, out of sight of the public, it was a bit more relaxed and, now and then, one of the Royals would come out for a walk or a cup of tea. When the Queen came out, you would present arms, and she would smile and give you a nod and say 'Good afternoon' or something like that.

Once, I was on evening duty there and probably a little too relaxed when a door opened and out came Prince Philip. It caught me completely by surprise and I started to get myself together and present arms. He looked at me, gave me a smile and a wink and told me to keep quiet. I think he was off out.

Many years later, in 1976, the Queen attended the FA Cup final when my Southampton team beat Manchester United at Wembley. The managers did not go up the steps to the Royal Box in those days so I looked up as she handed the Cup to our captain, Peter Rodrigues, and saw our directors standing proudly beside her with tears in their eyes.

Peter still says it was the best moment of his life. The Queen wore a royal blue coat and hat, similar to the blue in the strip we were wearing to avoid a colour clash with United. Peter smiled as he said to her, 'I hope people don't think you were on our side'.

The day I received an MBE for services to football and charity in 2006, the Queen presented the honours. I walked towards her, she pinned the medal on my jacket and we had a few words.

She mentioned football and I reminded her she had been at Wembley when we won the Cup. It was the last final she ever attended and I said, 'It wasn't that bad was it, Ma'am?' She had a good laugh about that, and she was quite surprised when I told her that I used to stand outside the palace on guard.

I was very lucky to have those opportunities to get close to the Queen. She had an aura about her without ever giving you the impression she was the boss or anything like it.

I've met plenty of people in the public eye who think they are bigger and better than others, and here was the most famous woman in the world able to hold you in a nice conversation and make you feel for a few moments as if it was like any other normal encounter between two people who had never met.

**MATT BARLOW**

VIRGINIA WADE will rise early at her home in New York today to watch the Queen's funeral, having been glued to the extensive coverage of events in America, which has long since been her home.

Her Majesty was famously present in the Royal Box in the silver Jubilee year of 1977 when Wade became the last British woman to win the Wimbledon singles title, handing the trophy to the then 32-year-old.

Wade even curtailed her visits to this month's US Open after news of her death emerged on the second Thursday of the tournament.

'Once the Queen passed away, I was simply glued to the screen watching



*Royal approval: Wade with the Queen the world and she was totally down to earth,' said Wade. 'She had a very good sense of humour and she was very warm, but I don't think she could take any nonsense.'*

**MIKE DICKSON**



# I'm so proud to be leading England in Pakistan

SPORTSMAIL'S BRILLIANT NEW COLUMNIST MOEEN ALI: PAGES 68-69

# BACK ON TOP!

## Gunners beat Brentford to return to Premier League summit

**ADRIAN KAJUMBA**  
at the Gtech Community Stadium

ARSENAL returned to the top of the table with a 3-0 victory at Brentford yesterday — and introduced the Premier League's youngest player in the process.

Ethan Nwaneri, aged 15 years and 181 days, came on in the closing moments to break the record set by Harvey Elliott for Fulham in 2019. Arsenal were home and dry by then thanks to goals from William Saliba, Gabriel Jesus and Fabio Vieira.

Boss Mikel Arteta said of Nwaneri's selection: 'I told him yesterday that I wanted him to experience how it is to be in the team hotel, do a preparation, and that he had to be ready. The boy just looks in your eyes and he's ready.'

In yesterday's other match, Everton beat West Ham 1-0 to record their first win of the season.

**MATCH REPORT: SEE THE VERDICT - CENTRE PAGES**



**BRENTFORD...0  
ARSENAL.....3**

Merry dance:  
Arsenal's Gabriel  
Jesus enjoys his  
goal yesterday  
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### QUICK CROSSWORD

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Warning signal (5,4)
- 6 Fleming, author (3)
- 8 Protective cover (6)
- 9 Reasoned thought (5)
- 10 Type of bomb or clock (6)
- 11 Soaks up (7)
- 13 Method of doing something (7)
- 16 Austrian capital (6)

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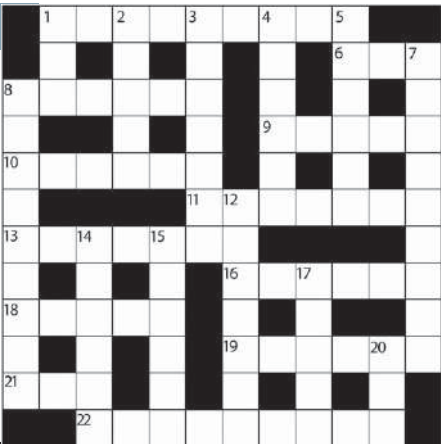
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- 4 Birds of prey (6)
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- 7 Required (9)
- 8 Hired driver (9)
- 12 State of southern Germany (7)
- 14 Stand-in monarch (6)
- 15 Uneasy or troubled state (6)
- 17 Follow (5)
- 20 Deliberate falsehood (3)

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SOLUTION TOMORROW



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## Sport's great and good share their memories of the Queen

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# **THE** BIG NAMES, BOLD OPINIONS **VERDICT**

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**BRENTFORD...0  
ARSENAL.....3**

**YOUNG GUN  
AND HE'S  
ONLY ...**

**15!**

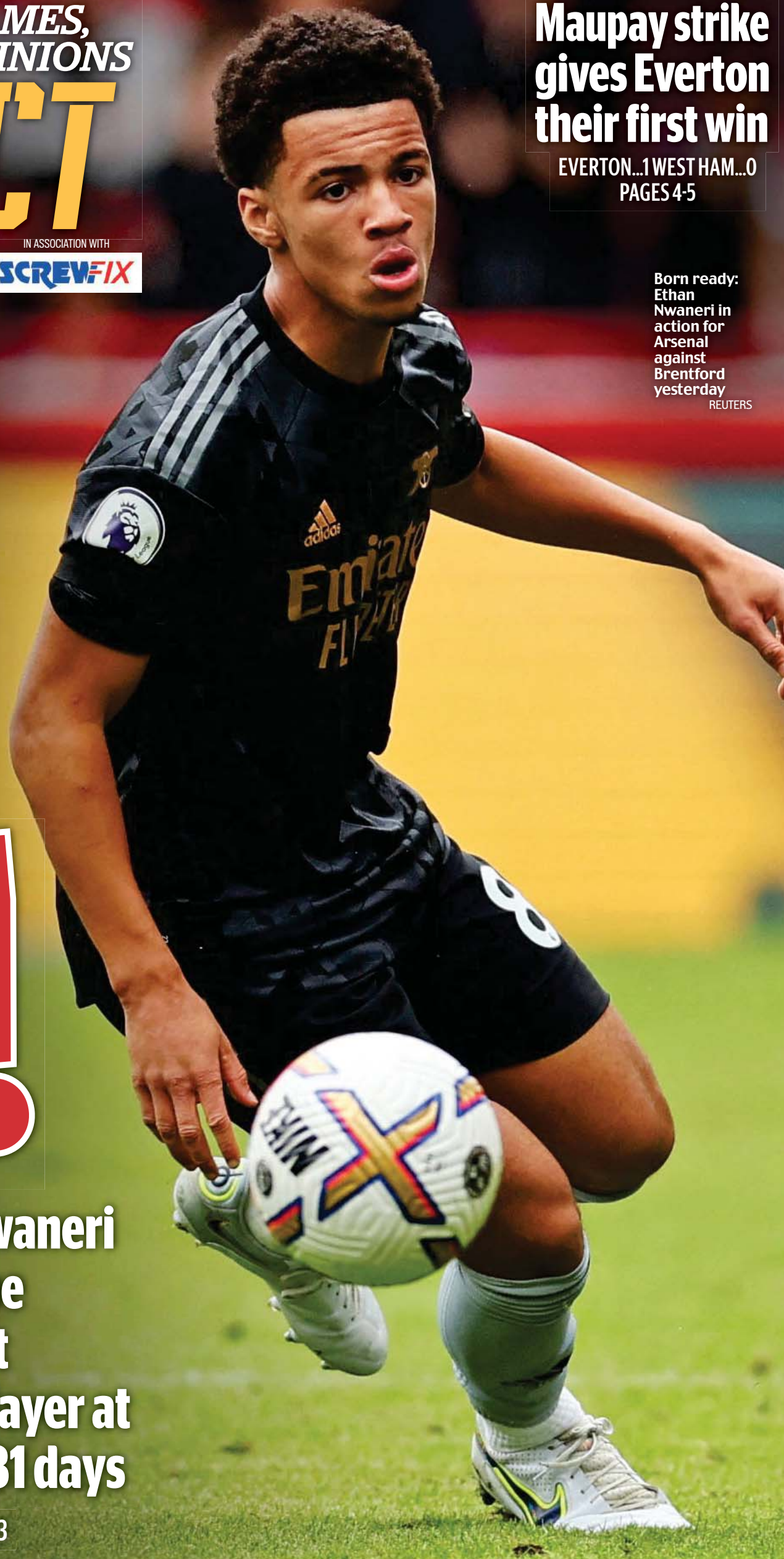
**Arsenal's Ethan Nwaneri  
makes history as he  
becomes youngest  
Premier League player at  
just 15 years and 181 days**

**MATCH REPORT – PAGES 2-3**

**Maupay strike  
gives Everton  
their first win**

**EVERTON...1 WEST HAM...0  
PAGES 4-5**

**Born ready:  
Ethan  
Nwaneri in  
action for  
Arsenal  
against  
Brentford  
yesterday**  
REUTERS





## Arteta: We were desperate to go back to the top

MIKEL ARTETA revealed Arsenal are determined to prove their title credentials and were fired up at Brentford by losing top spot 24 hours earlier.

Wins for Manchester City and Tottenham saw Arsenal fall to third but they responded emphatically with a convincing 3-0 win at Brentford to reclaim pole position.

Arteta is not shying away from talk of Arsenal being among the teams in contention to win the league. He said: 'You can ask me every day. Today we are top of the league, I am so happy. 'On Saturday I was so annoyed because we lost it and we used that to want to get back there and show that we want to be there.

'That is what we are going to do — push to be the best we can be. That is the aim. The table won't lie after 38 games normally.'

Goals from William Saliba, Gabriel Jesus and Fabio Vieira, on his full Premier League debut, earned Arsenal their revenge after they were humbled at Brentford on the opening day last season. 'A lot of people described last season here as a bad day, an embarrassing day. I looked at it as a good character-building day,' Arteta added.

'You want to become a different team, you have to learn from those

**ADRIAN KAJUMBA**  
at the Gtech  
Community Stadium

moments and you have to go through those moments. Then days like today happen and everyone is really happy in the dressing room with the way we played. We are enjoying our football and it is another step.'

Meanwhile, Thomas Frank reiterated his commitment to Brentford after being linked with Leicester, where Brendan Rodgers is under growing scrutiny, having also been mentioned as a potential successor to Graham Potter at Brighton before the Seagulls swooped for Roberto de Zerbi.

Frank said: 'Very simple answer. I'm here at Brentford, very happy.' Asked if the Leicester link was a distraction for him or his squad, Frank said: 'I can't speak for the players, but I'm reading very little of these rumours.

'I've been told to be a little aware of it if I get questions and of course it's nice to be linked with it because it means we've done something well here. That's positive.'



Feeling Fab: Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta (left) enjoys new signing Fabio Vieira's sensational

**MARTIN SAMUEL**

Chief Sports Writer  
at the Gtech  
Community Stadium



**BRENTFORD**



0

**ARSENAL**

Saliba 17  
Jesus 28  
Vieira 49

3

# Vieira on song for glorious Gunners

## Midfielder hits screamer worthy of his namesake

**T**HEY are a superstitious lot, football people. So the sight of a player called Vieira scoring for Arsenal in an imperious performance that returns them to the top of the table is going to have a lot read into it.

Yet why not? Here was another display that suggests Arsenal have the mettle to contend, and certainly the strength to finish in the top four and return to the Champions League, qualities that used to be taken for granted under Arsene Wenger. So at the very least

Mikel Arteta has them edging towards former glories, even if few are seeing beyond Manchester City and Erling Haaland for the title, no matter who leads.

For now, though, City still have a little catching up to do. Arsenal are a point clear going into the international break and this was an impressive result. The cynical will claim it's only Brentford, but Thomas Frank's team started the day in the top half of the league and with Ivan Toney recently

called into the England squad; the first Brentford man to be so recognised since Les Smith in 1939.

So Arsenal establishing a commanding 2-0 lead by half-time was impressive. Fabio Vieira, on his first Premier League start, put the outcome beyond doubt four minutes into the second half. Bukayo Saka slipped the ball inside to him and the Portuguese midfielder — recruited from Porto this summer — hit a shot that beat goalkeeper David Raya and went in off the

inside of a post. The visiting fans immediately dusted off a favourite old song about a chap called Vieira, who came to Arsenal from foreign lands, Portugal perfectly fitting the line where Senegal used to be. Just as well he didn't arrive from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It was also the signal for some mockery for Toney, whose commentary on social media the last time this fixture was played is still recalled in north London. Brentford won 2-0 that day, the first

game of the 2021-22 season, and Toney implied it had been easy.

'Nice kickabout with the boys,' he tweeted. He may be regretting that jibe despite the positive turn in his personal circumstances.

It will have been remembered by plenty in the Arsenal ranks and those who were unaware or had forgotten will most certainly have been reminded. The fans directed their songs in his direction. 'Ivan Toney — it's a stroll in the park,' they crowed. They were right,



## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Arsenal	7	6	0	1	17	7	10	18
Man City	7	5	2	0	23	6	17	17
Tottenham	7	5	2	0	18	7	11	17
Brighton	6	4	1	1	11	5	6	13
Man Utd	6	4	0	2	8	0	12	12
Fulham	7	3	2	2	12	11	1	11
Chelsea	6	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10
Liverpool	6	2	3	1	15	6	9	9
Brentford	7	2	3	2	15	12	3	9
Newcastle	7	1	5	1	8	7	1	8
Leeds	6	2	2	2	10	10	0	8
Bournemouth	7	2	2	3	6	19	-13	8
Everton	7	1	4	2	5	6	-1	7
Soton	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7
Aston Villa	7	2	1	4	6	10	-4	7
C Palace	6	1	3	2	7	9	-2	6
Wolves	7	1	3	3	3	7	-4	6
West Ham	7	1	1	5	3	9	-6	4
Nottm F	7	1	1	5	6	17	-11	4
Leicester	7	0	1	6	10	22	-12	1



long-range finish (main)

REUTERS/GETTY IMAGES

too. Brentford were disappointing. And the margin could have been greater. Gabriel Jesus went on a fine run only for his shot to be saved by Raya after 57 minutes, while a lovely passing move involving Granit Xhaka, Gabriel Martinelli and Jesus ended with Bukayo Saka forcing an excellent stop from Raya on 66 minutes.

Yet forget the notion that this was a straightforward game for Arsenal, whose last league result was the 3-1 defeat by Manchester United. All eyes were on them here and victory was no foregone conclusion. Brentford can be difficult as United and Leeds have found, and Arsenal, beaten and second best last time, were now without captain Martin Odegaard and Oleksandr Zinchenko, a revelation at full back since his move from Manchester City.

Not to worry. Arsenal are made of sterner stuff these days. They were far better at Old Trafford than the scoreline suggested and this was an impressive riposte, the perfect bounce back.

A goal up after 17 minutes, lead doubled after 28, it could have been worse for Brentford had Martinelli not slipped at a vital moment after two minutes when Xhaka — captain on the day and absolutely bossing the game from midfield — put the ball on a plate for him.

Arsenal were on top from that moment, defending well against Toney, and the rest of the front-line. William Saliba, in particular,

has the potential to be an outstanding player for the club.

So Arsenal set about Brentford with purpose. They were a physical match and technically superior and their danger in the air is perhaps their most underrated quality.

In the 17th minute, a lovely corner from Saka on the right was met by Saliba with a glancing header. It was a tight angle, but beautifully directed. The ball struck the far post and was palmed out by Raya, but not before it had crossed the line by some distance. Referee David Coote was duly alerted by his magic watch and the goal was given.

Then, 11 minutes later, Arsenal took very firm control. Xhaka and Kieran Tierney exchanged passes on the left before Xhaka struck a fine cross, met by Jesus in a foolish amount of space. Like Zinchenko, he has blossomed since leaving Manchester City and his header gave Raya no chance. The game was pretty much done at that point. Brentford offered little.

After 52 minutes, Toney received the shortest of free-kicks, flicked the ball up and then struck it on the volley, just over the bar.

It would have been a superb goal but it was a matter of seconds in 90-plus minutes of relative calm. For him, and Brentford, this was a game to forget, and a reminder of the step up that international football will be.

For Arsenal, though, it just kept getting better. As four minutes of

stoppage time was signalled, Mikel Arteta introduced Ethan Nwaneri for Vieira, at 15 years and 181 days the youngest player in Premier League history, taking the mantle claimed by Harvey Elliott — 16 years and 30 days — for Fulham against Wolves in 2019.

To put this into perspective, Nwaneri wasn't born when the club left Highbury. He is Arsenal's first Emirates baby. 'School in the morning, he's going to school in the morning,' sung the Arsenal supporters. They were wrong, of course — but only because the schools aren't open on the occasion of the monarch's funeral.

Nwaneri didn't touch the ball in any meaningful way during his stoppage-time minutes but that doesn't matter. To be trusted with involvement in a team this good at his age suggests unique potential. There are just so many reasons to feel positive about Arsenal right now after so long on the periphery. The omens, real or imagined, are very, very good.

**BRENTFORD** (5-3-2): Raya 6.5; Hickey 6, Jansson 6, Ajer 6, Mee 7.5, Henry 6; Janelt 5.5 (Onyeka 63min, 6), Jensen 6 (Baptiste 69, 6), Dasilva 6.5 (Damsgaard 63, 6.5); Mbeumo 6.5 (Wissa 76), Toney 6.  
**Manager:** Thomas Frank 6

**ARSENAL** (4-2-3-1): Ramsdale 6.5; White 7 (Tomiyasu 84), Saliba 8, Gabriel 7.5, Tierney 7; Partey 8 (Lokonga 78), Xhaka 7.5; Saka 7.5 (Marquinhos 90), Vieira 7 (Nwaneri 90), Martinelli 6.5 (Nketiah 78), **JESUS 8.5**.  
**Scorers:** Saliba 17, Jesus 28, Vieira 49  
**Booked:** Xhaka, Jesus  
**Manager:** Mikel Arteta 8  
**Referee:** David Coote 6.



Big moment: Nwaneri slaps hands with Saka as he comes on REUTERS

# 'I looked Ethan in the eye and I knew he was ready'

By ADRIAN KAJUMBA

FOR a brief moment it looked like Ethan Nwaneri would slip off quietly to Arsenal's dressing room after making Premier League history. But his team-mates were not about to let his incredible moment — becoming the league's youngest player aged 15 years and 181 days — pass without a deserved fanfare. Following Nwaneri's added-time cameo, goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale beckoned back the youngster, the first aged under 16 to play in the division, as he headed for the tunnel. With his arm around Nwaneri's shoulder, Ramsdale walked him towards the Arsenal fans so he could sample the acclaim for victory as well as his first senior minutes. An extra cheer went up after Ramsdale and then Gabriel Martinelli pushed the attacking midfielder, who Granit Xhaka has taken under his wing, forward so he could be celebrated on his own. Nwaneri had earned his moment after a brilliant start to the season with Arsenal's academy, scoring four goals and setting up five more in 10 games. He made his Under 18s debut in the 2020-21 season aged 14, scoring against Reading, and his Under 21 bow earlier this month. He trained with the first team on Saturday and Mikel Arteta said: 'It was a pure gut feeling. When I met him, I had that feeling. I liked what I saw. I looked him in the eye and I knew he was ready. Per Mertesacker and the academy staff are giving me really good information, Edu (technical director) as well. 'He has trained a couple of times with us. Yesterday he had to come in because we have injuries, especially to Martin

Odegaard, and then I had that feeling if the opportunity could come that I was going to do it. I told him he was going to be with us and that I want him to experience how it is to be in the hotel, to do a preparation for the game, to be around the boys and that he had to be ready.' Nwaneri, who was born after the Emirates opened in 2006 and has to get ready in a separate changing room to his adult team-mates, only got one touch in his few minutes on the pitch but a string of records tumbled when he came on.

He also became Arsenal's youngest Premier League player, a record held by Jack Wilshere at 16 years and 256 days, and the youngest player in any competition for the club. That had been Cesc Fabregas, who made his first-team debut aged 16 years and 177 days.

Harvey Elliott, then at Fulham, had held the Premier League record of 16 years and 30 days. A pupil at St John's Prep and Senior school, Enfield, Nwaneri is also the first player born in 2007 to feature in any of Europe's top five leagues. With both Manchester clubs and Liverpool on Nwaneri's trail, handing him a fast-tracked opportunity is a good way of showing him what may lie ahead at Arsenal.

'It sends a strong message about who we are as a club,' Arteta said. 'That we give opportunities when there is talent and personality and players who love what they do and when they have no fear. The doors are open to explore where they can go.'

## NWANERI KNOCKS FULHAM KIDS OFF THE TOP

ARSENAL'S Ethan Nwaneri, born in 2007, became the Premier League's youngest player yesterday...

PLAYER	MATCH	AGE
Ethan Nwaneri	ARSENAL v Brentford	15 years & 181 days
Harvey Elliott	FULHAM v Wolves (2019)	16 years & 30 days
Matthew Briggs	FULHAM v Boro (2007)	16 years & 68 days
Isaiah Brown	WEST BROM v Wigan (2013)	16 years & 117 days
Aaron Lennon	LEEDS v Tottenham (2013)	16 years & 129 days



## THE PREMIER LEAGUE IN SIXTY SECONDS

By LEWIS STEELE

### IS KEVIN KING OF THE ASSISTS?

KEVIN DE BRUYNE added two assists on Saturday to take him level with Steven Gerrard in the Premier League list, one behind City legend David Silva...

RYAN GIGGS	162 ASSISTS
CEC FABREGAS	111
WAYNE ROONEY	103
FRANK LAMPARD	102
DENNIS BERGKAMP	94
DAVID SILVA	93
KEVIN DE BRUYNE	92
STEVEN GERRARD	92

**217** DE BRUYNE reached Gerrard's total in 287 matches fewer than it took Gerrard to get to 92, about eight seasons' worth. The Belgian has played 217 Premier League games. After that number of games, Giggs had 48 assists compared to his 92, and Gerrard had just 34.

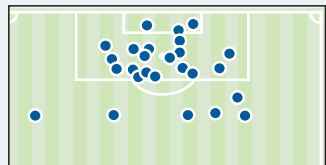
### BAD WEEK FOR COLLINS FAMILY



**WHAT** a week to forget for the Collins football family. On Tuesday, Eamonn Collins' record of being the youngest footballer to play a UK league match — set in 1980 as a 14-year-old for Blackpool — was broken by Christopher Atherton, 13, for Northern Irish outfit Glenavon. Then on Saturday his nephew, Nathan, was shown a straight red card as Wolves lost to City.

### GO ON, MY SON

SINCE the start of last term, Son Heung-min has scored half of his goals with his left foot and half with his preferred right (13 each). Six of those are from outside the box, as our graphic below shows...



**7** SON is the seventh man to score a Premier League hat-trick off the bench; OG Solskjaer (1999, Man Utd) JF Hasselbaink (2004, Chelsea) R Earnshaw (2005, West Brom) E Adebayor (2008, Arsenal) R Lukaku (2013, West Brom) S Naismith (2015, Everton) Son H-m (2022, Tottenham).

# Some of my players were way below their

DAVID MOYES offered a damning assessment of West Ham's early-season troubles and bluntly told some of his squad they are letting him down.

Moyes is dismayed by the Hammers' start to the campaign, which has seen them take just four points out of 21.

West Ham's fifth defeat in seven games dropped them into the bottom three and the quality of the performance angered their manager.

There was no attempt from Moyes to offer the added burden of Europa Conference

## DOMINIC KING

at Goodison Park

League football as an excuse for West Ham's laboured efforts at Goodison Park.

Instead, he argued the challenge of blending new faces — married with certain players being out of form — is having a detrimental impact on results.

'We had a game on Thursday night, so you have to take that into consideration,' said Moyes. 'We are trying to put new players in,

to get the best out of them and find out a bit about them.

'But (here) I found out little bits, mainly about the players I already knew about. They were the players in the main who let me down with their play overall.

'The players who played last year are down on their level as well. We had shown signs we were getting back to it but I don't think we did here. When we got into the final third, it was nearly always the wrong decision.'

To watch Moyes on the touchline, throwing his hands up to his face in despair and

**I**N THOSE few moments, after the whistle had gone and the music began to play, the spring in Frank Lampard's step told a very significant story. Everton's manager has been working relentlessly to change the landscape at Goodison Park and the upshot has been the return of positive noises emitting from a camp that has been synonymous with division and disappointment.

Lampard, though, has spent his life in football and nobody knows better that positivity only remains if good results follow. Atmospheres change when rewards are not forthcoming, progress stalls when points are not put on the board.

So, at the seventh time of asking, it was clear to see what this 1-0 triumph over West Ham meant to Lampard, who marched proudly to the Gwladys Street and shook his fists in delight to the masses behind the goal in which Neal Maupay had fizzed in the decisive strike.

Like the batsman who settles his nerves by nudging a drive through the covers, Everton are up and running to leave Leicester as the only team in the top flight who are yet to win.

This was not a classic, by any means, but for Lampard, its impact was invigorating, relief and elation rolled into one.

'It was everything, really,' said Lampard. 'It is a win we feel we have deserved in house. I was lucky last season, as we had a really good record at Goodison after I came in. So the reaction at the end was just natural — a good moment to win a game.'

For David Moyes, however, the emotions could not have been more varied.

Back at the place that was once his home, he spoke with the honesty that was his trademark when in charge of Everton, unable to conceal the disappointment of a wretched performance.

Moyes must now reflect on a fifth defeat in seven Premier League fixtures, a sequence out of kilter with the metro-nomic way West Ham collected points last season and threatened, at one stage, to break into the Champions League places. They are a team in a state of flux.

If only they had started in the manner in which they finished the contest, hemming Everton back and causing Lampard to hop with nerves as his overworked defenders — headed by the outstanding James Tarkowski and Conor Coady — hurled themselves into challenges and refused to buckle.

'I don't think we played well,' Moyes muttered and nobody needed to challenge that view.

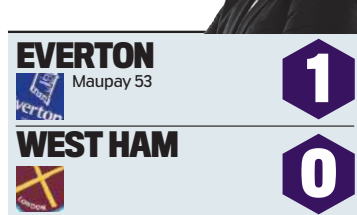
Neither side played well in an opening 45 minutes that not even the most optimistic soul could make sound entertaining.

Unrelenting tedium is a phrase that first comes to mind but, even then, it does not feel wholly appropriate.

To give you an idea of how

## DOMINIC KING

at Goodison Park



impoverished it all was, the passage of play between minutes 38 and 42 captured it nicely when both sides took it in turns to surrender possession, treating the ball as if it was a hot potato and refusing to show any poise.

'I don't know how many wrong decisions we made,' said Moyes, disbelief leaping from every word.

They were not alone. When Everton eventually won a free-kick, Lampard's assistant Ashley Cole dashed out of the technical area and made a gesture for his forwards to attack the back post when Anthony Gordon fired it in. Gordon, instead, swung the set piece straight out of play.

It really was that joyless and what made it so surprising was the fact the game was there to be won — it needed one of these teams to be assertive, to have a little belief, and the likelihood was that opportunities would arrive.

So it proved. Everton took the initiative and it was no surprise that Demarai Gray lifted the tone.

The winger had been buzzing on the fringes but just needed the right service to cut loose and, in the 49th minute, he scurried into West Ham's box and curled a shot that Lukasz Fabianski was able to gather.

West Ham's goalkeeper was not overly tested to deal with it but there was a chain reaction and, suddenly, there was life in these famous old stands and the noise lifted considerably — so, too, did the tempo of Everton's play.

And in the next attack, they plundered the goal that proved decisive.

Vitaliy Mykolenko rolled a pass into Alex Iwobi, who nudged it forward to Maupay. The Frenchman's control saw the ball sit up and, instinctively, he fizzed his drive past Fabianski on the

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WITH four points from seven games, West Ham have made their worst start to a Premier League season since 2016-17. Meanwhile, Everton ended a seven-game winless run in the PL.

# Maupay brings relief to Goodison

## But West Ham are woeful as they stay in bottom three

half-volley. If Lampard felt relieved about the win, Maupay was similarly calmed by the goal.

He had the chance to become an instant hero on his Everton debut but Alisson denied him in the Merseyside derby. At the same end of the stadium, redemption arrived from 18 yards.

'I have to be there to finish,' said Maupay. 'I'm just happy for the team. It's been coming.'

'I wouldn't say I feel under pressure to score. I know my job I have to score. That is why they brought me in. I needed that goal.'

As did Everton. They were tested late on, such as when Said Benrahma hit the inside of the post and Maxwell Cornet found the side-netting after going around Asmir Begovic, but they were indefatigable and their fans were bouncing by the end.

The opposite was true for West Ham. Moyes, tellingly, offered a view that some in claret-and-blue are letting him down.

For him to offer such an opinion in public tells you that behind closed doors the home truths will be even starker. They cannot play like this again.

**EVERTON** (4-1-4-1): Begovic 6.5; Patterson 7, Coady 8, TARKOWSKI 8.5, Mykolenko 7; Gueye 7; Gray 7 (Doucoure 81min), Onana 7, Iwobi 6.5, Gordon 6 (McNeil 75, 6); Maupay 7 (Rondon 89).

**Scorer:** Maupay 53.

**Booked:** Coady, Gordon, McNeil.

**Manager:** Frank Lampard 7.

**WEST HAM** (4-2-3-1): Fabianski 6; Coufal 6, Soucek 5, Kehrre 5, Cresswell 5 (Emerson 90); Rice 5, Soucek 5; Fornals 5 (Benrahma 62, 6), Paqueta 5 (Cornet 62, 6), Bowen 5; Antonio 5 (Scamacca 69, 6).

**Booked:** Scamacca.

**Manager:** David Moyes 5.

**Referee:** Michael Oliver 6.

**Attendance:** 39,298.

**Neal deal:** Maupay opens his Everton account

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# level and let me down, fumes boss Moyes

running them across his head in exasperation, gave a clear insight into his feelings about how West Ham played in a game that was settled by Neal Maupay's 53rd-minute half-volley. 'If you look back then we would say we felt we were dropping down and we were aware of that,' said Moyes. 'That's why we have tried to improve it. 'I recognised back in February that we weren't quite as strong. We chose not to bring anyone in last January and I could see it. But the truth is we got to a European

semi-final, we were challenging until the last 20 minutes of the Premier League for sixth place. 'Let me tell you we weren't dropping away that far — we were challenging. But I could just sense we needed new players. A lot of those players we are talking about played today and I have to say I need them and I need them to play at their best. 'I'm the one who takes responsibility and I've got to get those players back at that level quickly. Hopefully we will do that.' Frank Lampard, meanwhile, offered

assurances Dominic Calvert-Lewin has not suffered another injury setback. The striker was scheduled to return to action yesterday following a six-week lay-off due to a knee injury, but the Everton manager had a change of heart. 'The reason for taking him out was to be sure, with two weeks' break, we could get him fit,' said Lampard. 'I didn't start him and it might have been risky to put him on. 'Hopefully we can have him back at Southampton (on October 1) and with two weeks of training he'll be ready.'



**Bold tactics: Italian De Zerbi**

## De Zerbi takes the reins at Brighton

By ADRIAN KAJUMBA

BRIGHTON have appointed Roberto de Zerbi as their new manager replacing Graham Potter, who left for Chelsea last week. The 43-year-old Italian has signed a four-year deal and will have time to work with the players during the international break. Chairman Tony Bloom said: 'I am absolutely thrilled Roberto has agreed to become our new head coach. Roberto's teams play an exciting and courageous brand of football and I am confident his style and tactical approach will suit our existing squad superbly.' De Zerbi flew into Sussex on Friday night and watched a behind-closed-doors friendly at the Amex on Saturday afternoon. Brighton had been wary of the appointment being hijacked by Juventus, because the Italian giants are considering sacking Max Allegri. Juve have won just twice all season and not once this month, leaving Allegri under mounting scrutiny. He suffered another setback yesterday when Juventus lost to bottom-of-the-table Monza, ramping up the pressure on their boss, with Juventus assessing their options. So Brighton moved quickly to secure the services of De Zerbi and announced his appointment last night. De Zerbi's last club was Shakhtar Donetsk, whom he left in July — after just over a year at the helm, including a Super Cup victory and 20 wins in 30 games — due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Before Shakhtar, De Zerbi impressed at Sassuolo, earning admiration for his style of play and tactical awareness — leading them to successive eighth-place finishes. De Zerbi was also manager of Foggia, Palermo and Benevento, before his breakthrough success at Sassuolo from 2018-21. Brighton had been looking for a new manager since Potter was prised away by Chelsea to replace the sacked Thomas Tuchel. Former Brighton captain Andrew Crofts was named interim first-team manager with current player Adam Lallana part of the coaching staff. The cancellation of Brighton's two games since Potter's departure denied them the chance to take charge of the side in the Premier League, but gave chairman Bloom breathing space to secure De Zerbi.



**Kicking off: Maupay celebrates to fans' delight**

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GOAL

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Treble shooter: Son fires his first into

# Happy days for Spurs now

*Emotional striker reveals first thought was for his family*

**T**HEY will all tell you it does not matter who scores the goals as long as the team are winning, of course, but the explosion of delight when Son Heung-min fired his first into the top corner hinted at a different truth.

It was Tottenham's fourth in the victory against luckless Leicester, brilliantly curled into the top corner with his right foot from 25 yards, and the scorer froze as the pressure of 118 days without a goal evaporated.

'I couldn't move,' said Son, who had started the game on the bench. 'I was just emotional for

**MATT BARLOW**

at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium



Kane 8, Dier 21  
Bentancur 47  
Son 73, 84, 86



Tielemans 6 (pen)  
Maddison 41

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myself. I didn't know what to do. I just stood still, looked at the sky, looked at the crowd. In my head, all my family came to mind, all the

staff, all my team-mates. That's why I just stood and had a think.'

Thirteen minutes later, swept along by the emotion, Son had completed a hat-trick, the third awarded after a VAR check for offside to another deafening roar from the home crowd, and he walked off a hero with the ball under his arm.

All this, seven years to the day after his first goals for Spurs, two inside two minutes in the Europa League against Qarabag of Azerbaijan.

'I was born loving football and I'm still in love with football,' said Son. 'I think about football. I'm an attacking player and when I'm not scoring I'm not happy. How can I be happy if I have an unbelievable

opportunity to score or make chances? If I'm happy and I'm not scoring, I wouldn't be here.'

'Sometimes when I go home, even if we have won the game, I'm still sad because my performance wasn't good and there are things I can do better, and the mistakes I made because I missed the chances. I'm always thinking about football because I made it here and this is the way I am.'

'I love football even in the tough moments and this is why I am here.'

Strikers need goals to survive and Son's barren run hit hard after last season ended with 12 goals in 10 games. Spurs boss Antonio Conte resisted the urge to leave him out until Saturday and all the

pre-match chatter was about the Premier League's Golden Boot winner dropped to the bench.

'Sometimes you achieve so many amazing things that of course people are going to look at you and give you more attention,' Son said. 'But this is why I am here, to do better things and to learn something.'

'Obviously it was a tough first few games but this is the lesson. I am not 18 years old. I wish I was. But I have experienced enough in professional football teams. I had some bad periods and some amazing ones.'

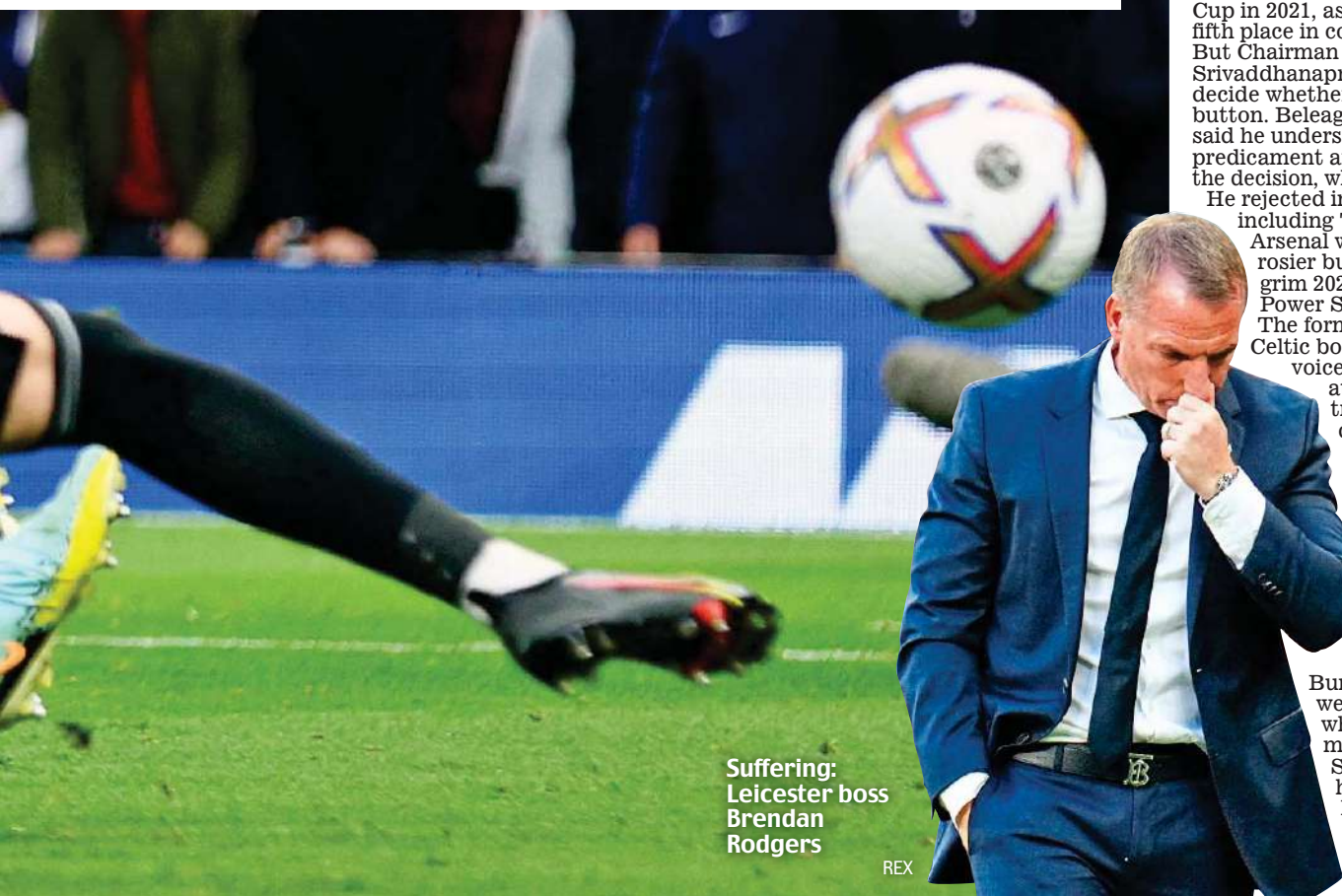
'Even when I had a good period I learned so many things. You know better than me that in the bad periods you learn so much. I'm



**GOAL****2****GOAL****1**

the top corner, his second high over Faes and his third off goalkeeper Ward

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Suffering:  
Leicester boss  
Brendan  
Rodgers

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# How long can Rodgers cling on at Leicester?

**TOM COLLOMOSSE  
and MATT BARLOW**

at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

BRENDAN RODGERS faces an increasingly uncertain future heading into the international break after Leicester were beaten for the sixth consecutive game. The Foxes are rooted to the bottom after Saturday's 6-2 defeat at Tottenham, meaning the 2-2 draw with Brentford on the opening weekend secured their only point. Rodgers has been in situ since February 2019, winning the FA Cup in 2021, as well as sealing fifth place in consecutive seasons. But Chairman Aiyawatt 'Top' Srivaddhanaprabha must now decide whether to hit the reset button. Beleaguered Rodgers said he understood the predicament and would respect the decision, whatever it might be.

He rejected interest from clubs including Tottenham and Arsenal when things were rosier but it has been a grim 2022 at the King Power Stadium. The former Liverpool and Celtic boss has regularly voiced his frustration at the lack of transfer activity during the summer. After regularly challenging the Big Six during Rodgers' tenure, Leicester are in a relegation battle. Sean Dyche is out of work after leaving Burnley in the closing weeks of last season while Norwich manager Dean Smith is thought to have admirers at Leicester. If Rodgers were replaced, his successor's first task would be to

shore up a defence that has let in 22 goals this season, and 11 in the last two games, against Brighton and Spurs.

Leicester's financial position also means there is unlikely to be heavy spending in the January transfer window.

The club signed only one outfield player, Belgian defender Wout Faes for £15million, in the summer, after selling Wesley Fofana to Chelsea for about £75m. The club want to ensure they comply with Financial Fair Play rules and the accounts for the 2021-22 period are set to show significant losses.

The chairman's decision on Rodgers' future will also have one eye on finances. Rodgers, under contract until 2025, would command an eight-figure pay-off but it feels like it might be a welcome release for all parties if a new boss was in place when they return to face Nottingham Forest in a fortnight.

James Maddison, the pick of Leicester's team and scorer of the second goal, said it was 'painful' to see a manager he liked under so much 'heat'. Defender James Justin has blamed the defence, saying: 'The forward players are doing more than enough for us to win games and we need to come together as a group and stick together to keep clean sheets.'

'It's a tough one to find the solution. This season, apart from the Arsenal game and this game, we've been pretty solid from set-pieces and we've just been undone by a couple today. It's something we'll look at in the next couple of weeks. Both of the (set-piece) goals today are preventable.'

# Son is shining again

## after ending goal drought in style

doing it right now. It wasn't that bad, but in these tough moments I had some lessons and really good people around me to help me.'

Son's late treble cast a different complexion on the game. Leicester had taken an early lead through a twice-taken Yuri Tielemans penalty, only to slip behind to goals scored by Harry Kane and Eric Dier from corners.

James Maddison levelled at 2-2 with a wonderful finish and the visitors were as creative in attack as they were fragile in defence.

Rodrigo Bentancur punished a mistake by Wilfred Ndidi to score his first Tottenham goal before Son came on to revel in space on the break as the game opened up amid Leicester's desperate

attempts to find a way back into it. Conte said: 'I am pleased for Sonny. We can try to give an explanation if a player doesn't score, but in the end the striker has to score because if he doesn't the confidence goes down.'

'I am happy for him to change the game in this way, but I am especially happy for the team because we needed this and we are 17 points after seven games.'

**TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR** (3-4-3): Lloris 7.5; Sanchez 5 (Romero 59min, 6), Dier 6.5, Lenglet 6; Perisic 5.5 (Royal 55, 6.5), Hojbjerg 7, Bentancur 7.5, Sessegnon 6; Kulusevski 7 (Bissouma 70, 6.5), Kane 7, Richarlison 6 (**SON 59, 8**).

**Scorers:** Kane 8, Dier 21, Bentancur 47, Son 73, 84, 88.

**Booked:** Perisic.

**Manager:** Antonio Conte 7.

**LEICESTER CITY** (4-3-1-2): Ward 5; Castagne 6, Evans 5, Faes 5, Justin 5; Ndidi 5 (Soumare 85), Tielemans 5, Dewsbury-Hall 6 (Iheanacho 74, 5); Maddison 7; Daka 6 (Vardy 74, 5), Barnes 5.5. **Scorers:** Tielemans 6 (pen), Maddison 42. **Booked:** Ndidi, Daka. **Manager:** Brendan Rodgers 6. **Referee:** Simon Hooper 6.5. **Attendance:** 61,450.

**3** SON HEUNG-MIN failed to score from any of his first 17 shots this season — he then scored with three of his next four attempts on goal against Leicester.

**17** TOTTENHAM'S 17 points from seven Premier League games this season is their joint-best record at this stage of a campaign. The last time they started as strongly they went on to finish second — behind only Antonio Conte's Chelsea!

■ ONLY 129 seconds separated Leicester's first and Spurs's equaliser.





# Flak for Jack is misguided

*Yes, he should score more but Grealish ticking boxes for City*

**J**ACK GREALISH is not a Manchester City player for his goals. Not primarily, anyway. Pep Guardiola made that clear on Friday and not for the first time.

His role is to carry possession, taking defenders with him, when the game requires stretching. Or to recycle the ball when the game needs slowing.

Both of those elements are centred on control and creating space for others, often against opposition sitting in with 10 men behind the ball.

By and large, Grealish has performed the tasks very well since that £100million British-record transfer last year.

They are not showy, it might not be the all-action, blockbuster extravaganza people expect from him, but has he ever really been that guy? Or was that reputation foisted upon him?

Even with the freedom of Birmingham, many of his mercurial moments for Aston Villa appeared in the middle third of the pitch and that has not changed with City. There were at least three occasions at Wolves when quick skill took him clear of defenders and over the halfway line. Then he would be scythed down, earning a free-kick.

These passages are so common among City's midfielders that they are barely worthy of note; Grealish does it better than most.

But a goal every so often does not hurt, and it was obvious what this scrappy finish, inside 55 seconds, meant to him.

'My dad's been telling me every single day, "Try and get in there Jack for those little tap-ins". He will be buzzing that I got a little goal like that,' Grealish said. 'I've been trying to do it. It's nice to go away with England after getting a goal and a result.'

He wants more, putting that pressure upon himself, which is possibly a product of listening to the radio or reading social

**JACK GAUGHAN**

at Molineux

**WOLVES**



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Grealish 1, Haaland 16  
Foden 69

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media too often. On those platforms, the response to his display at Molineux — which came with more aggression in the final third than on a disappointing night against Borussia Dortmund — was overwhelmingly positive. Yet it was not dissimilar to the performance out in Seville recently, purposefully hitting the box regularly and knitting play.

He did not score in Seville, though, and so his performance hardly got a mention.

'We work in a day and age where everyone talks just about goals and assists but there is a lot that goes on in football and we win a lot of games,' Kevin De Bruyne said. 'It (criticism) comes with being a very good player.'

De Bruyne also suggested Grealish's nationality brings additional scrutiny. 'It is not about football,' he said. 'I understand because they are English and people tend to look more into what is happening. Outside of football, the focus is more on them.'

'I feel like foreign players... for instance if you have a night out, we don't really get checked that often. Whereas if an English player goes out... What he does in his private life, nobody should care

but people do.' De Bruyne's feelings on Grealish are characteristically blunt and they carry weight — especially when referencing the need to stick to a game plan.

'With all due respect, he was at Villa before and if you lose a game sometimes it is not the end of the world,' he said. 'But if we lose a game it is different. We have to perform every week. That is the difference and what he has had to adjust to.'

'As long as we win the games and he is doing a good job for us, that is all that matters. Obviously he needed some time to settle in but he is fine. Be patient, I am not too worried.'

It will be fascinating to see how the trio of Grealish, Erling Haaland and Phil Foden flourish over the coming months. That combination worked out in Spain during the first Champions League group game and functioned at Wolves, too, with all three scoring.

Haaland now has 14 goals in nine appearances for City — 11 of those in the Premier League — and offers a completely different dimension. 'We have the best striker in the world who is just obsessed with scoring goals and being in the box,' said Grealish. 'It changes all of our games compared to last season.'

The Haaland goal, City's second of the afternoon, owed much to Grealish. He had to win a 50-50 challenge on the touchline to spring City into action and did so, nicking ahead to flick a ball inside. A few seconds later, Haaland was scoring right-footed from the edge of the box.

The red card shown to Nathan Collins was a product of Grealish waiting for the right moment to attack a bouncing ball to fly clear — only for Collins to fly boot-first straight into his midriff.

'I went in for the tackle because if I do win the ball then I'm away and I think I would've been through,' Grealish said.

'It was sore. He caught me around my stomach. I spoke to him and he didn't mean it, which is obviously fine.'

Grealish is at his best when kicked to bits, and when the home crowd's venom towards him spits. The South Bank were relentless, jeering every touch — firstly for his past association with Villa, but secondly because Grealish is Grealish — and then less than complimentary when later substituted. Grealish amusingly applauded them.

'They love me here, don't they?' he smiled in an empty stadium afterwards. 'I'm surprised I'm not getting booed now!'

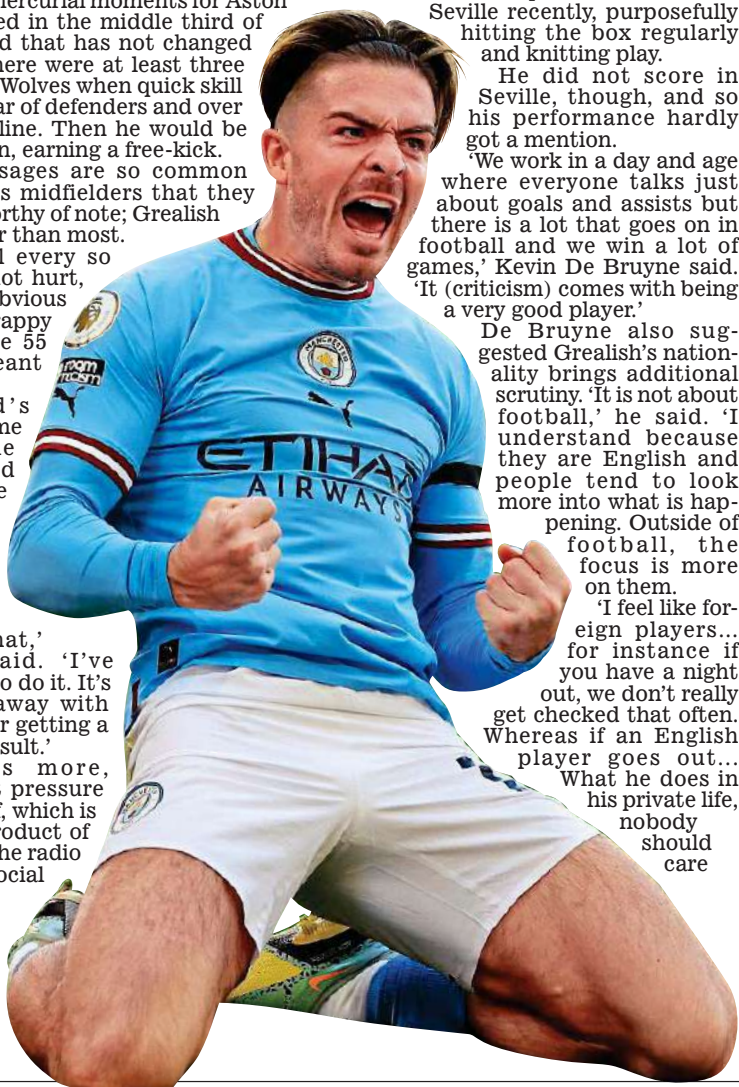
**WOLVES** (4-5-1): Sa 6; Jonny 5, Collins 5, Kilman 5, Ait-Nouri 5.5 (Semedo 81); Neto 6 (Campbell 86), Nunes 6, Neves 6.5, Moutinho 6, Guedes 6 (Hwang 70, 6); Podence 6.5 (Traore 70, 6). **Booked:** Nunes, Neves. **Sent off:** Collins. **Manager:** Bruno Lage 6.

**MANCHESTER CITY** (4-2-3-1): Ederson 7; Stones 7.5, Akanji 7.5, Dias 6, Cancelo 8; Rodri 7 (Gomez 81), Silva 7.5 (Alvarez 71, 6); Foden 8.5 (Mahrez 72, 6), De Bruyne 8 (Gundogan 72, 6), **GREALISH** 8 (Palmer 77); Haaland 8. **Scorers:** Grealish 1, Haaland 16, Foden 69. **Booked:** Rodri. **Manager:** Pep Guardiola 7.

**Referee:** Anthony Taylor 6.  
**Attendance:** 31,578.

Action man: Grealish enjoys his early goal

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## Pep frustrated as

PEP GUARDIOLA believes Calvin Phillips has a chance of making the World Cup but admitted frustration at the midfielder's start to life at Manchester City. Phillips sustained another shoulder injury late last week and City are preparing to send the £42million summer signing to have surgery.

It has proven a persistent problem for Phillips since joining the Premier League champions and was an issue he struggled with at Leeds United last season. The

**JACK GAUGHAN**  
at Molineux

26-year-old — who in 14 minutes this season joined up with Gareth Southgate's England squad for World Cup matches on Friday and Germany — and has been left out of the World Cup place. 'We need him but he cannot play all the time,' Guardiola said. 'Kalvin



# Haaland break the records?

## 88

IF HAALAND were to play every league, domestic cup and Champions League match this season and kept up his current rate of 1.4 per game — and City got to the final of those competitions — he would score 88 goals. You never know with this man...

AFTER 11 goals in seven Premier League games, perhaps the Norwegian should set his sights on beating the record of Dixie Dean (below), who struck 60 in one season for Everton nearly 100 years ago. That is the most in one English top-flight season...

<b>DIXIE DEAN</b>	<b>60 GOALS</b>
EVERTON, 1927-28	
<b>PONGO WARING</b>	<b>49</b>
A VILLA, 1930-31	

■ JIMMY GREAVES had the best seasons in living memory. He scored 41 in 1960-61, and then 37, 36 and 29 between 1962 and 1965. Southampton's Ron Davies scored 37 in 1966-67, while Manchester City's Francis Lee netted 33 in 1971-72. That was not matched until Clive Allen's 33 for Spurs in 1986-87, three more than Gary Lineker's 30 for Everton the previous season.

**60** IF HAALAND were to keep up his rate of 1.57 goals per league game — and play all 38 matches — he would hit Dean's 1927-28 figure of 60. After seven league games Haaland has one more than Dean in that fabled season.

■ WHAT about the Premier League era? Haaland might see these records as easily attainable...

<b>A SHEARER</b> (1994-95, BLACKBURN)	<b>34</b>
<b>A COLE</b> (1993-94, NEWCASTLE)	<b>34</b>
<b>M SALAH</b> (2017-18, LIVERPOOL)	<b>32</b>
<b>A SHEARER</b> (1995-96, NEWCASTLE)	<b>31</b>
<b>C RONALDO</b> (2007-08, MAN UTD)	<b>31</b>
<b>L SUAREZ</b> (2013-14, LIVERPOOL)	<b>31</b>

\*THE PL was 42 games until 1995-96.

**4** HAALAND is the first player to score in his opening four Premier League games. The Norwegian has hit 100 goals in his last 99 games, with Saturday's his first from outside the box for 13 months.



# Phillips injury woe continues

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for that position and sometimes you need two holding midfielders to be more defensive. But I think it will be a bit longer because I think he needs it (surgery). 'Every time he's out because of this and the doctors say if it happens three or four times then the only solution is to have surgery. 'I am not a doctor but in a good way he can arrive at the World Cup, of course.' Guardiola used all five of his substitutions during Saturday's

victory over Wolves and insisted he would need the help of his entire squad before Qatar. 'In this crazy schedule, we need everyone,' he added. 'Normally the people on the bench when they are not playing, they are complaining but when they make a good impact, they can help us.' City face rivals Manchester United at the Etihad Stadium after the international break and Guardiola said: 'I have time to think about that. I need a good dinner first, good sleep.'

# Newcastle must learn how to get a tune out of Isak



**CRAIG HOPE**  
at St James' Park

THERE is frustration on Tyneside, but only because expectation has escalated. Understandably so, given the money spent and the fine job Eddie Howe has done since January. But now Newcastle are being met with fresh challenges, simultaneously having to learn how to break down opponents set up to contain, while also working out a way to get the best from £60million Alexander Isak. The answer to the latter could well provide the solution to the former. The record books state that club-record signing Isak has scored two in three since arriving from Real Sociedad, but all of the talk at St James' Park on Saturday — and two weeks prior following a home stalemate with Crystal Palace — was of an isolated figure not yet in tune with his team-mates. There is a feeling his qualities, at least for now, will be better suited to playing away from home, as witnessed during his debut at Liverpool when twice stealing clear of the backline before finishing superbly. A marginal offside denied him the second of those goals.

Isak was bought to make the difference in games such as this against Bournemouth, whose low block and rigid structure were a mark of respect but also a new headache for Howe. And while his new Swedish striker earned a point with a well-taken penalty, it was the sole occasion in which he had space in the box. Little wonder he grabbed the ball after a VAR check spotted Jefferson Lerma's handball. Howe acknowledges the need to work with the young striker. 'He's learning, and not just how the team plays, but also how his team-mates play,' said the head coach, whose side had 73 per cent possession and 20 shots. 'Again, there were flashes from him, but I don't think, as a team, we did well enough to get him into goalscoring positions. We didn't feed him the ball early enough. He was a little bit isolated. But let's look at the positives — he took his penalty brilliantly and he worked hard for the team. He definitely contributed, but we know we can get him involved a lot more than that.' Kieran Trippier echoed those sentiments. 'It's more about developing as a team and finding his strengths,' said the captain. 'Everyone has seen what he's all about. I've played against him in La Liga. He plays off the shoulder, he's quick, he's good in the air. We've got an all-round striker, for such a young age.' Isak is 22 years old and one Swedish journalist present believes Newcastle have paid a high premium for potential, flagging inconsistency as a concern in his homeland. Former Newcastle great Malcolm Macdonald, meanwhile, said during Saturday's game that Isak will benefit from the return of Callum Wilson, a player more suited to the demands of a central striker role. Howe hinted as much afterwards. 'He is a versatile



Isolated: £60m man Alexander Isak REX

player and we obviously moved him briefly to wide left when Chris Wood came on,' he said. 'He can play in a slightly deeper role as well, so there is flexibility with him.' But how Newcastle need Wilson and Allan Saint-Maximin back in their team. While the owners have invested in excess of £200m since January, they haven't addressed one of the greatest areas of need — wingers. Howe inherited a wreck of a defence and has built from the back. His side have lost just once this season, and that came in the 98th minute at Anfield. The flip side is that they have not won since the opening day against Nottingham Forest. Minus Saint-Maximin, they lack a dribbler capable of disrupting obdurate opposition. But credit, too, to Bournemouth and caretaker Gary O'Neil, whose team led through Philip Billing and were good value for a point which makes it five from three matches under his charge. An impending takeover has complicated his situation, but sticking with O'Neil is their best option on this evidence. They are level on points with Newcastle, and that is why frustration lingers at St James'.

**NEWCASTLE UNITED** (4-3-3): Pope 6.5; Trippier 6.5, Schar 6, Burn 6.5, Targett 6.5; Willock 6.5, Guimaraes 6.5 (Longstaff 72min, 6), Joelinton 6.5; Almiron 6.5 (Wood 89), Isak 6, Fraser 6 (Murphy 71, 6). **Scorer:** Isak 67 (pen). **Booked:** Joelinton, Targett **Manager:** Eddie Howe 6.5 **BOURNEMOUTH** (4-2-3-1): Neto 7; Smith 6, Mephem 6.5, Senesi 6.5, Zemura 6.5; Cook 7, Lerma 6; Tavernier 6.5, Anthony 80, Billing 7 (Stephens 90), **CHRISTIE** 7.5 (Stacey 87); Solanke 6.5 (Moore 90). **Scorer:** Billing 62. **Booked:** Tavernier, Christie. **Manager:** Gary O'Neil 7. **Referee:** Craig Pawson 7. **Attendance:** 52,238.

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ALEXANDER ISAK is the 27th different Newcastle player to score a Premier League penalty — no club has had more different penalty scorers. Bournemouth, are three games unbeaten.



# Respects are paid on football programmes



Everton



Tottenham



Bristol Rovers



Wigan Athletic

## Morison is sacked as Cardiff lose yet again

### CHAMPIONSHIP THIS WEEKEND

By ADAM SHERGOLD

**CARDIFF** sacked manager Steve Morison in the wake of Saturday's 1-0 defeat at **HUDDERSFIELD**.

Morison, who took over permanently last November, leaves with the Bluebirds 18th in the table. A club statement said: 'We'd like to thank Steve for his efforts during his time at Cardiff City, stabilising the first team last season and helping to evolve our squad in line with the club's philosophy this summer.' Mark Hudson will take over as caretaker manager, assisted by Tom Ramasut, ahead of their next game against Burnley on October 1.

**SHEFFIELD UNITED** enter the international break three points clear at the top after a performance of contrasts in a 2-0 win at **PRESTON**. The Blades were well below their best in the first half at Deepdale but took a 40th-minute lead through Iliman Ndiaye's fifth of the season. Paul Heckingbottom's team were far better after the break and sealed a fourth straight win when in-form Oli McBurnie scored from close range. Heckingbottom said: 'We were lethargic in the first-half and all of them will be disappointed. But we were strong in the end, it was a strong away performance.'

**WEST BROM** earned a point in a 1-1 draw at **NORWICH** but the pressure remains on Steve Bruce with the Baggies 21st in the table. Dara O'Shea put the Baggies ahead but Sam Byram equalised. Bruce felt the ball went in off his arm. 'I know it's a hard job but big decisions have cost us and if I don't win games, I get my head chopped off,' Bruce said.

Jewison Bennette scored a late equaliser as **SUNDERLAND** drew 2-2 with **WATFORD** to climb up to fifth. Black Cats coach Tony Mowbray said: 'Bennette is off to prepare for Costa Rica and the World Cup. He hardly speaks a word of English but comes in with a smile on his face. 'He's going to surprise a lot of people this season. He is one hell of a story.' Tom Ince's beautiful free-kick returned **READING** to winning ways with a 1-0 victory at **WIGAN**.

**LUTON** beat **BLACKBURN** 2-0 thanks to goals by Carlton Morris and Reece Burke before manager Nathan Jones took aim at the keyboard warriors in the club's fanbase. 'I don't read social media but people sometimes show me stuff and things that people are saying...' Jones fumed.

**MILLWALL** ended their recent poor run by beating **BLACKPOOL** 2-1.

**SWANSEA** earned a much-needed win to climb out of the bottom three as they swept **HULL** aside 3-0.

**BIRMINGHAM** and **COVENTRY** played out a goalless draw, as did **QPR** and **STOKE**, and **MIDDLESBROUGH** and **ROTHERHAM**.

### IAN HERBERT

at Turf Moor



**BURNLEY**  
Benson 4  
Rodriguez 67

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**BRISTOL CITY**  
Wells 27

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IN THE narrow streets around Turf Moor, they still can't quite let go. There's still the Royal Dyche pub, with the sign above its door depicting the man in question in breastplate and monarchical pose as he stares into the middle distance.

Still Royal Dyche lager selling inside, with 5p from every pint going to charity. Still the words 'Sean Dyche's claret and blue army' at the bar and a Maxwell Cornet scarf pinned up on the way to the door, even though he's at West Ham now. Still the Dychian creed emblazoned on the programme sellers' huts outside on Yorkshire Street: 'Legs, hearts and minds.'

It was one thing to defenestrate the man but another entirely to replace him with something diametrically different. Vincent Kompany, his successor, has thrown out Route One and replaced it with what he knows: a circuitous, patient, elaborate, passing route to goal.

This can tend to make fans nervous. When the team were cautiously manipulating the ball around Preston's pitch on the way to their fifth draw of the season last week, one of the Burnley travelling contingent could be heard bellowing: 'Just lump it!'

It will take time to adjust to what Kompany has brought. On Saturday afternoon, Burnley's two young centre halves standing on the six-yard box to receive the ball from goalkeeper Arijanet Muric, signed from Manchester City, where they school their keepers to pass, the home fans were curiously quiet. The Bristol contingent made the noise. This felt a whole lot like anxiety.

Half an hour in the Royal Dyche says a lot about how the initial gruff scepticism is giving way to acceptance. Some supporters are done with the existential fight to survive and just want football to make the heart soar.

'How long could it all go on, the way that it was?' says Sarah, a teaching assistant in her 30s. 'We needed a new start.'

That start carried a heavy penalty. Relegation last season triggered a £32.3million early repayment penalty to investment house MSD Holdings, which loaned Burnley's American owner Alan Pace the money to buy the club. Kompany subsequently wound up spending £45m less than he recouped on players in the summer window, despite requiring 16 additions to replace those who left.



# On The Road

## Kompany's Burnley revolution in full swing

Necessity was the mother of invention. Though the massed ranks of Nick Pope, Ben Mee, James Tarkowski, Dwight McNeil and Cornet are scattered to the four winds now, Kompany arrived with a reputation which made Manchester City, Chelsea and Southampton prepared to bestow their talents on loan with him. His status as a Belgium captain and Anderlecht manager has also made some of his own country's best talent eager to

follow him into these hills. And so against that timeless and immutable Turf Moor backdrop — the sandstone back-to-back terraces, cotton mills and industrial chimneys with the east Pennines stretching beyond them — this ground has seen a new kind of football begin to bear fruit, with young, technically gifted players at its core.

Manuel Benson, recruited from Royal Antwerp for £3.6m, is being hardened to the

Championship by being positioned against the most aggressive full backs in training by Kompany and never granted a free-kick in that environment.

He collected a loose ball and was away before Bristol City's Alex Scott could lay a foot on it, racing into the area to score off the inside of the post.

Ian Maatsen, an excellent Dutch Chelsea loanee, delivered the deftest first-time pass of the afternoon to provide Nathan

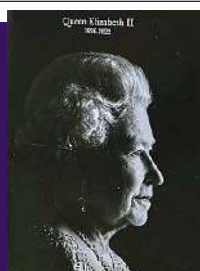




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Joy: Benson (right) celebrates, Kompany on the sidelines (left) and (right) embracing Maatsen (inset) IAN HODGSON/GETTY IMAGES

**SKYBET CHAMPIONSHIP****CLASSY CLARETS SHOWING THERE'S LIFE AFTER DYCHE**

Tella, the Southampton loanee, with a gilt-edged opportunity from which he should have really scored.

When the smooth passing moves reached a dead end, the ball was recycled back to Taylor Harwood-Bellis, an elegant, impressive central defender in Kompany's own mould, loaned here from Manchester City, who began the process again.

Kompany, who also had Harwood-Bellis on loan at Anderlecht, sees him as integral to Burnley's ambitions.

And then there was the Burnley old guard, fused into this new team and manifestly reborn. Jack Cork is the captain and fulcrum. Josh Brownhill is a No10 for the first time in years and thriving. Jay Rodriguez, the most reinvigorated, is scoring goals.

It was he who headed in the winner, his fifth goal of the season, from substitute Johann Berg Gudmundsson's

second-half cross after Bristol's Nahki Wells had equalised from a corner. A tendency not to make superiority count has brought five draws this season. The team held on this time.

Kompany is wise enough to insist he is sticking with other established principles. 'Burnley has always been known as a hard-working team, with guys who are brave. That's what I've wanted to keep,' he said, after his team went fourth in the table.

Not all of the changes at Turf Moor are for the better. They've fiddled with the claret home jersey, introducing blue specks on to it. A beautiful jersey like that should be sacrosanct. But to watch the players who had become so intimately acquainted with struggle and toil whipping the ball around the turf in Saturday's brilliant autumn sunshine suggested that there is pleasure in leaving the past where it belongs. 'You've got to break the cycle a bit and put it behind you,' Kompany added.

'Before game one there was a lot of uncertainty but today there's music in the team. It's a team that is at least giving hope. And hope is important.'

# Moore's pride as Owls peg back pace-setters

LEADERS **IPSWICH** squandered a two-goal lead late on to draw 2-2 at **SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY** in a thriller. Kayden Jackson's strike and an own goal by Dominic Iorfa put Kieran McKenna's pace-setters in control with just 15 minutes to play at Hillsborough. But George Byers pulled one back and Michael Smith (below) headed a last-minute equaliser for Wednesday. 'I'm so proud of the boys, the way they fought in what was a pulsating game,' said Wednesday boss Darren Moore. 'I couldn't be more pleased with what we did in coming back.'

There was also a dramatic finish at Fratton Park as **PORTSMOUTH** and **PLYMOUTH** shared four goals in the 'Dockyard derby'. Pompey thought they had taken the lead through Sean Raggett but referee James Bell judged the ball hadn't crossed the line — a decision that left Pompey boss Danny Cowley demanding goal-line technology in the lower divisions. Josh Koroma did open the scoring for the hosts, only for a Raggett own goal and a Niall Ennis finish to turn the match in Plymouth's favour.

**LEAGUE ONE THIS WEEKEND**

In a crazy finale, Argyle's Brendan Galloway was sent off before Reeco Hackett-Fairchild headed Portsmouth's equaliser.

Joey Barton lamented his team's 'Keystone Cops' defending as **BRISTOL ROVERS** lost 6-3 at home to **LINCOLN**.

Jack Diamond struck a hat-trick and Ben House grabbed two as the Imps ran riot.

'It could have been 7-7, it could have been 8-7, it was a madcap game,' said Barton.

**CHELTHENHAM** suffered the indignity of conceding a goal before 3pm in their 1-0 loss at **ACCRINGTON**.

The match started early and Sean McConville slotted home after just 30 seconds to score what proved to be the winner.

**BURTON** finally claimed their first win of the season, 2-0 at **EXETER**, in Dino Maamria's second game in charge after he replaced Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink.

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# Cook serves up brace for soaring Bradford

**BRADFORD** made it four wins from five as Mark Hughes's side beat **STEVENAGE** 3-0.

Andy Cook scored twice to make it 11 for the season and pass a half-century of EFL goals before Tyreik Wright, the winger on loan from Aston Villa, rounded things off.

**LEYTON ORIENT** are four points clear at the top after a 1-0 win over **WALSALL** made it eight wins from their last nine games.

Defender Omar Beckles struck to continue the irresistible form of Richie Wellens' team.

**BARROW** manager Pete Wild marked the signing of a new 'multi-year' contract last week with a 2-0 win at **NEWPORT** to continue his side's great start. Josh Gordon was at the double to make it seven wins from nine and leave the Bluebirds second. 'It's been a great

**LEAGUE TWO THIS WEEKEND**

week! If Carlsberg did weeks, this would be it,' Wild said. 'On the bus down, you'd have thought we were going on a stag do because of the camaraderie in the group.'

**NORTHAMPTON** piled more misery on winless **ROCHDALE** with a 3-0 success that lifted them into the top three. Sam Hoskins reached double figures for the season with two second-half strikes after Jon Guthrie had put the Cobblers ahead with a stunning goal.

'A dipping volley from my centre half — I can't believe I'm saying it!' said manager Jon Brady.

**TRANMERE** gave **SALFORD** a reality check as Ryan Hawkes earned a 1-0 win.

It was only a second defeat of the season for the Ammies.

**COLCHESTER** have sacked Wayne Brown following Saturday's 1-0 home loss to **GRIMSBY** — and **HARTLEPOOL** dismissed their boss Paul Hartley after losing 2-0 at **SUTTON**.

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# I was forgotten, left hanging, cast aside

**Ben Odeje was the first black man to represent England – but only now are the FA celebrating his achievement**

**EXCLUSIVE  
INTERVIEW**

by Sami  
Mokbel



**B**EN ODEJE'S story is one of racism, respect and, eventually, recognition. The 67-year-old tells a harrowing story of a fan asking him if people still lived in trees in Africa as he made his way home after a defeat in the 1970s.

'The racial abuse was too numerous to mention. In those days it was just a free-for-all,' Odeje tells *Sportmail*. 'Even the people supposed to be looking after you, the coaches and your team-mates, referred to you as chalky or sambo.'

'The people who are supposed to be on your side were often the biggest perpetrators. You're trying to fight it but there's nowhere for you to go.'

He then tells a far chirpier tale of hiding his kit in a dustbin to disguise the fact that he was playing every Saturday from his education-driven parents, who saw little value in the beautiful game.

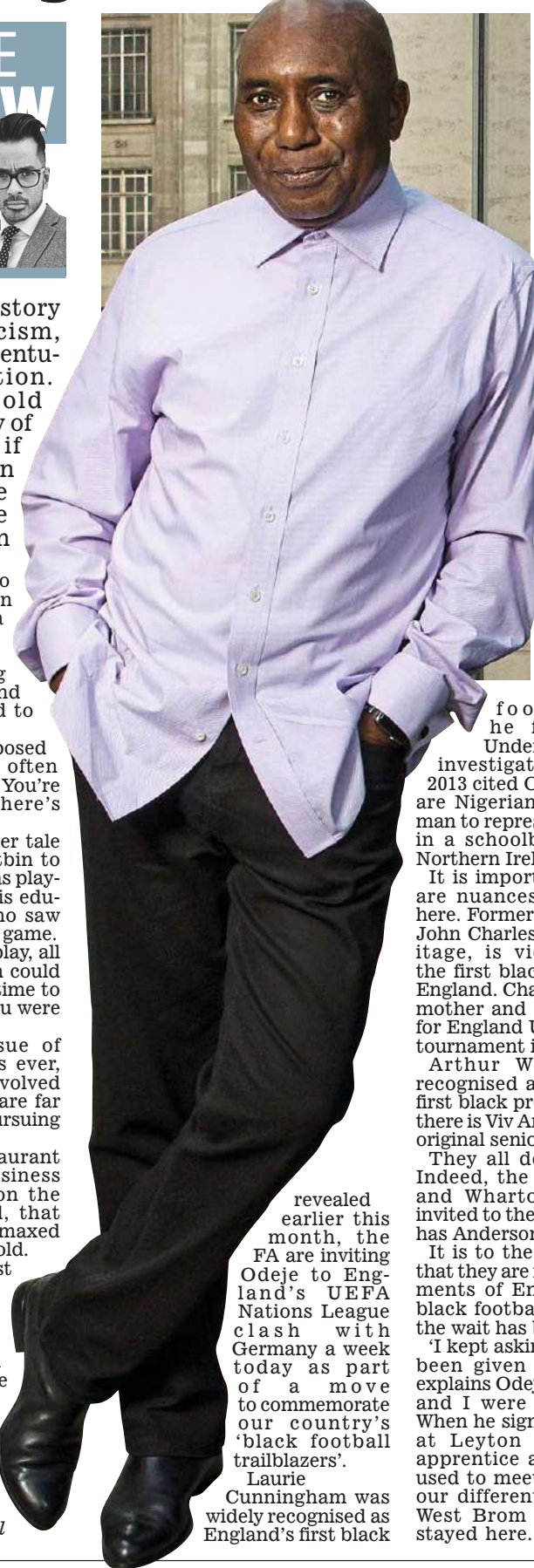
'My mum never saw me play, all she knew was that her son could play. For her, if you've got time to be playing football then you were a waster,' he says.

Decades later, the issue of racism is as pertinent as ever, though the vast riches involved in football mean parents are far more open to their kids pursuing a career in the game.

And, as we sit in a restaurant in London's bustling business district, Odeje reflects on the moments, good and bad, that shaped a career which climaxed when he was just 15 years old.

The significance of the first of his five caps for England schoolboys in March 1971 did not occur to Odeje at the time. He was just a kid from south-east London desperate to play the game he loved – albeit this time in front of 70,000 at Wembley. Little did he know he was making history.

And 51 years later Odeje's long wait for recognition is coming to an end. As *Sportmail*



footballer when he featured for the Under 21s in 1977. But an investigation by the BBC in 2013 cited Odeje, whose parents are Nigerian, as the first black man to represent the Three Lions in a schoolboy fixture against Northern Ireland in 1971.

It is important to stress there are nuances to be considered here. Former West Ham defender John Charles, who is of dual-heritage, is viewed by some as the first black man to represent England. Charles, born to a white mother and black father, played for England Under 18s in a UEFA tournament in 1962.

Arthur Wharton is widely recognised as English football's first black professional. And then there is Viv Anderson – England's original senior international.

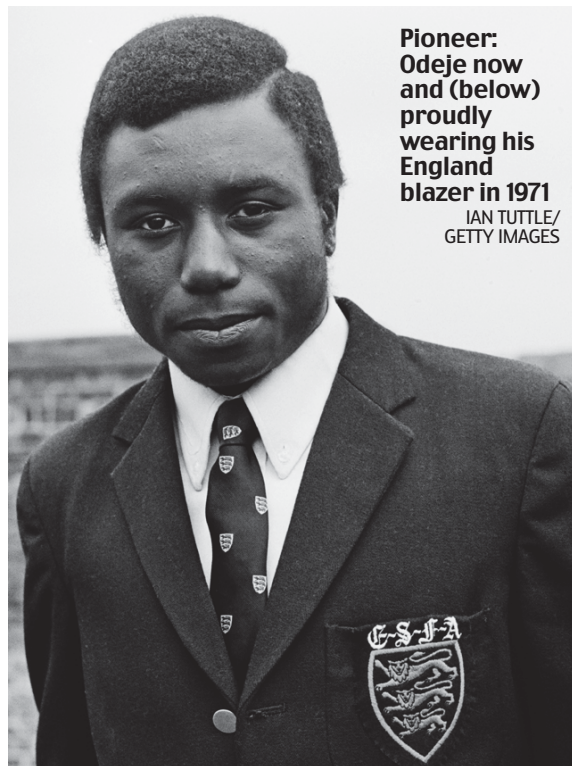
They all deserve recognition. Indeed, the families of Charles and Wharton have also been invited to the Germany clash – as has Anderson.

It is to the current FA's credit that they are marking the achievements of England's pioneering black footballers. But for Odeje the wait has been painstaking.

'I kept asking myself, why has it been given to someone else?' explains Odeje. 'The fact is Laurie and I were very good friends. When he signed as an apprentice at Leyton Orient, I was an apprentice at Charlton and we used to meet regularly. We went our different ways, he went to West Brom and Madrid and I stayed here. But the thought it

revealed earlier this month, the FA are inviting Odeje to England's UEFA Nations League clash with Germany a week today as part of a move to commemorate our country's 'black football trailblazers'.

Laurie Cunningham was widely recognised as England's first black



**Pioneer:  
Odeje now  
and (below)  
proudly  
wearing his  
England  
blazer in 1971**

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Charlton, both raised in predominantly black environments.

Elliott went to the top, becoming Chelsea and the Premier League's first black captain, as well as becoming the first British defender to play in Italy and Scotland.

In contrast, after his release by Charlton as a teenager, Odeje never made the grade in professional football, instead fulfilling his mother's dream of entering higher education while having a successful non-League career.

Neither has any regrets. Elliott enjoyed an illustrious career that saw him selected for the England squad and Odeje is just as proud of his university degree.

Odeje recalls: 'My dad realised there was something there in football for me when I came back from Bisham Abbey for the England schoolboy trials. A few weeks later, the letter dropped to say I'd been selected.'

'But the boss – mum – wasn't having it. I thank her for what she did because when I go back to Deptford now, I see guys I went to school with still hanging around the streets doing what they were doing all those years ago, because of the education they didn't have. But my mum made sure. When I got released by Charlton, my mum was happy. She said: "I told you. Books".'

'At that time, my parents separated. I stayed with dad and my sister stayed with mum. But every morning my mum used to come and wake me up to go to school.'

'For months my mum did that, and that prompted me to go to Paddington College to do an access course, which enabled me to do my degree.'

'The release from Charlton was a blow to my stomach. They shouldn't have. There were worse players than me, but they were a different colour skin.'

Elliott immediately interrupts: 'I played with super talented players but my generation, through absolutely no fault of their own, couldn't cope mentally with the racial abuse and they lost themselves in the game.'

'I've seen some of them over the past three or four years and they are still traumatised by that experience. They have never been the same. That's the biggest sadness of Ben's generation.'

Yet, with all that said, nothing can sour the memories of March 6, 1971, for Odeje. 'I remember being in the Wembley changing room and the phone was handed to me – it was my teacher, Mr Wind. He said, "Good luck, son". That made my year.'

'In the changing room, I don't say a lot. But that Wembley game, I was so nervous. If someone would have offered me to go home I'd have said yes. I'm glad I didn't. I was made man of the match.'

was given to him and everyone around south-east London knew it wasn't him, it worried me a bit.

'It got to the stage where my children were being called liars at school. But then the recognition was given to me by the BBC.'

'That made my kids happy and they went back to school extremely happy because they had the ammunition to show "Look, this is my dad".'

**A**SKED if waiting more than half a century for a nod from the FA took its toll, Odeje responds: 'Yes, I was left hanging, forgotten, cast aside.' Hopefully for Odeje that feeling will subside now his place in history is being acknowledged – thanks largely to the chair of the FA's inclusion advisory board Paul Elliott, whose idea it was to validate England's black groundbreakers at Wembley next week.

'I had a conversation with Garth Crooks, who sent me the story with Ben,' explains Elliott. 'He said to me, "Paul, this moves me, surely you can correct this situation". I brought it to chairman Debbie Hewitt's attention. She sees the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion – but also the importance of history.'

'It's history we cannot forget. Ben's experiences are relatable to mine. People need to hear it.'

Odeje strikes up an instant rapport with Elliott as they recount their careers. The paths are similar: both raised in south London, both came through the ranks at



**KATHRYN BATTE**

at Prenton Park

**LIVERPOOL**Stengel 67 (pen),  
87 (pen)**2****CHELSEA**

Kirby 3 (pen)

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**A** STORY of three penalties made for the biggest shock of the opening weekend of the Women's Super League as champions Chelsea were beaten by newly-promoted Liverpool.

The Reds were minutes into their return to the top flight when Gilly Flaherty kicked Guro Reiten instead of the ball and gifted Chelsea a penalty, which Fran Kirby converted.

But while previous Liverpool teams may have collapsed, Matt Beard's side did the opposite.

They worked tirelessly to prevent Chelsea from scoring a second before the Blues conceded a spot-kick of their own. Millie Bright handled in the box and Katie Stengel stepped up to equalise.

Instead of looking to shut up shop, Liverpool went on the attack and were rewarded when Stengel won and scored a second penalty in the 87th minute. Beard's side then endured seven minutes of added time but held on to claim a huge victory and end Chelsea's run of nine straight league wins.

Liverpool's main aim this season is to stay in the WSL and on this evidence they will do that comfortably. 'There shouldn't be any hesitancy anymore, we should be in a position where we know we can compete at this level,' Beard said.

'We frustrated Chelsea, one of the best teams in club football. We could have folded after going 1-0 down. There are so many good things that have come out of today but the biggest thing for me is that the players have the belief and trust in what we are asking them to do.'

After week one it is advantage Arsenal in the title race but Chelsea will not be concerned. Last season they were beaten on the opening day by the Gunners and spent the majority of the campaign as the chasers



Spot on: Katie Stengel fires Liverpool level before grabbing a late penalty winner GETTY IMAGES

# Champs stunned by Beard's newcomers

## Newly-promoted Liverpool pull off shock win

before finally overtaking their rivals. They should have had enough to beat Liverpool but were punished for not turning their possession into goals.

Hayes said: 'I didn't think our execution in the final third was anywhere near good enough. Our crossing was wayward and we didn't trouble the keeper in the way that we have done. If I turned around and said who played well for us, I don't think it would be a high number.'

Hayes' side sorely missed Pernille Harder, who dropped out of the starting XI with an injury in the warm-up. But Kirby's early goal gave them the perfect start as she sent Rachael Laws the wrong way to open the scoring in the third minute.

Liverpool could have equalised shortly after but Emma Koivisto fired over at the back post. A tight offside call then ruled out what would have been an early goal of the season contender from Chelsea forward

Sam Kerr, the Australian hitting a first-time volley into the top corner before the flag went up.

Hayes was adamant it should have stood, saying: 'We scored a goal that was legitimately onside, I've seen it back, which is frustrating. I said it to the fourth official at the time. It is frustrating that someone as quick as Sam gets penalised because we don't have VAR. I think had we gone 2-0 up it would have been a different game.'

Liverpool lost last season's top scorer Leanne Kiernan to what looked like a bad ankle injury in the second half but her replacement Megan Campbell made an instant impact. Campbell has a reputation for her Rory Delap style throws and her first involvement was to launch the ball into the Chelsea box. It caused chaos as Nimah Charles miss-kicked her clearance and the ball was hit against Bright's arm from close range. Stengel converted calmly into the bot-

tom right corner to the delight of a record 3,006 home crowd.

Then came the third and decisive penalty. Stengel ran on to a loose ball and suddenly found herself through on goal. Kadeisha Buchanan slid in desperately and brought down the striker just inside the box. Once again the American converted, sending Musovic the wrong way for a second time.

**LIVERPOOL** (3-4-3): Laws 6; Flaherty 6, Fahey 7, Matthews 6; Koivisto 6.5 (Roberts 72min, 6), Holland 6, Kearns 6 (Furness 72), Hines 6.5; Lawley 6.5 (Daniels 72), **STENGEL** 8 (Humphrey 90), Kiernan 6.5 (Campbell 57, 6.5).

**Scorer:** Stengel 67, 87.  
**Booked:** Holland, Campbell.  
**Manager:** Matt Beard 7.

**CHELSEA** (4-3-3): Musovic 6; Charles 5, Bright 6 (Perisist 70, 6), Buchanan 6, Eriksson 5; Cuthbert 6, Ingle 6 (Rytting Kaneryd 70, 6) Kirby 6.5; James 7 (England 85), Kerr 6, Reiten 6.

**Scorer:** Kirby 3.  
**Booked:** None.  
**Manager:** Emma Hayes 6.  
**Referee:** Emily Heaslip 6.  
**Attendance:** 3,006.

**WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE ROUND-UP****Daly's double gives Villa the perfect start**

**MANCHESTER CITY** suffered an opening-day defeat at **ASTON VILLA** to increase the pressure on boss Gareth Taylor. There is concern around the blue half of Manchester after losing key players in the summer and their performance at Villa did little to quell those anxieties. Alisha Lehmann gave the hosts the lead with a composed finish after City had given the ball away on the edge of their box. Things got worse for the visitors when they failed to clear a corner and new Villa signing Rachel Daly volleyed in for 2-0. After a poor start City rallied before half-time when Laura Coombs pulled a goal back from the edge of the box. The momentum shifted in the visitors' favour as Khadija Shaw drew City level in the 53rd minute before Coombs netted again to put the away side in front for the first time. But Villa produced their own comeback as Kenza Dali made it 3-3 minutes later after pouncing on a poor pass from Steph Houghton. Daly then grabbed the winner with a tap-in in the 76th minute to complete a perfect debut and a huge win for Carla Ward's side. A wonder strike from Ashleigh Neville set **TOTTENHAM** on their way to a 2-1 victory over **LEICESTER**. The defender hit a 40-yard strike into the top corner and Drew Spence doubled Spurs' lead before half-time. Spence then scored at the other end to give the Foxes a route back into the game but they were unable to find an equaliser. Paul Konchesky won the battle of the new managers as his **WEST HAM** side beat Brian Sorensen's **EVERTON**. Lisa Evans scored the only goal when she headed in from a corner just before half-time.

KATHRYN BATTE



Joy: Turner and Le Tissier

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# Le Tissier shows class in United rout

ALL eyes were on the Lionesses in Leigh — and rightly so after their summer of scintillating success.

Ella Toone, Alessia Russo, Mary Earps and Nikita Parris all played for Manchester United in their WSL season opener against Reading on Saturday.

The early kick-off did nothing to shorten the pre-match queues in the car park as fans tried to get a glimpse of the stars. But instead it was the uncapped Maya Le Tissier who was the talk of the town after a memorable debut for Marc Skinner's side in front of a record WSL crowd for the ground of just over 5,000. Playing at centre half, keeping a clean sheet and scoring two goals. That's quite the statement.

'She'll be a key part of what we do moving forward,' said Skinner. 'My job is to keep her being normal but she can be a real star in the future.'

Le Tissier signed a three-year deal with United in the summer after the club

**MAN UTD****4****READING****0**

AADAM PATEL at Leigh Sports Village

triggered a release clause of around £50,000 with a year remaining on her Brighton contract.

Though from Guernsey like Matt, Maya is no relation to the former Southampton striker, but the manner in which she took both her goals was reminiscent of the former Saint's goalscoring prowess. Her looping backheel volley from an early corner followed by a thumping header — as well as strikes from skipper Katie Zelem and Russo — secured the result before half-time.

It was an impressive display from a United side who have ambitions of securing European football by breaking into the top three, after finishing fourth

three seasons in a row. Le Tissier — who holds the record for most WSL appearances made by a teenager — added an extra dimension to United with her passing ability from the back. The 20-year-old is widely tipped as a future Lioness and Skinner was full of praise for his new signing.

'Both finishes were really good and cultured,' said the United manager. 'In lots of moments today she was mature and aggressive when she needed to be. We're not just going to get goals from her but solid performances from the back and progression with the ball. 'She has forward-playing ability and can strike the ball really well. Her passing range is excellent. Her maturity and concentration, she has a lot of the tools.' With a World Cup on the horizon and having progressed through the England junior ranks, that call-up from Sarina Wiegman can't be far off.



Premier League

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3 Tottenham	7	5	2	0	18	7	11	17
4 Brighton	6	4	1	1	11	5	6	13
5 Man Utd	6	4	0	2	8	8	0	12
6 Fulham	7	3	2	2	12	11	1	11
7 Chelsea	6	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10
8 Liverpool	6	2	3	1	15	6	9	9
9 Brentford	7	2	3	2	15	12	3	9
10 Newcastle	7	1	5	1	8	7	1	8
11 Leeds	6	2	2	2	10	10	0	8
12 Bournemouth	7	2	2	3	6	19	-13	8
13 Everton	7	1	4	2	5	6	-1	7
14 Southampton	7	2	1	4	7	11	-4	7
15 Aston Villa	7	2	1	4	6	10	-4	7
16 C Palace	6	1	3	2	7	9	-2	6
17 Wolves	7	1	3	3	3	7	-4	6
18 West Ham	7	1	1	5	3	9	-6	4
19 Nottm F	7	1	1	5	6	17	-11	4
20 Leicester	7	0	1	6	10	22	-12	1

FRIDAY			
ASTON VILLA	1	SOUTHAMPTON	0
J Ramsey 41 Attendance: 40,758			
NOTTM FOREST	2	FULHAM	3
Awoniyi 11, O'Brien 77 Attendance: 28,654 Tosin 54, Palhinha 57, Reed 60			

SATURDAY			
WOLVES	0	MAN CITY	3
Attendance: 31,578 Grealish 1, Haaland 16, Foden 69			
BRIGHTON	P	CRYSTAL PALACE	P
NEWCASTLE	1	BOURNEMOUTH	1
Isak 67 pen Billing 62 Attendance: 52,238			
TOTTENHAM	6	LEICESTER	2
Kane 8, Dier 21, Bentancur 47, Son 73, 84, 86 Tielemans 6 (pen), Maddison 41 Attendance: 61,450			

YESTERDAY			
BRENTFORD	0	ARSENAL	3
Attendance not provided Saliba 17, Jesus 28, Vieira 49			
MAN UNITED	P	LEEDS	P
EVERTON	1	WEST HAM	0
Maupay 53 Attendance: 39,298			
CHELSEA	P	LIVERPOOL	P

TOP SCORERS		MOST ASSISTS	
11 Haaland (Man City)		6 De Bruyne (Man City)	
6 Mitrovic (Fulham), Kane (Spurs)		4 Saka (Arsenal)	
5 Toney (Brentford)		3 Firmino (Liverpool), Silva (City), Jesus (Arsenal), Harrison (Leeds), Kulusevski (Spurs), Xhaka (Arsenal), Tete (Fulham), Perisic (Spurs)	
4 Jesus (Arsenal), Rodrigo (Leeds), Zaha (Crystal Palace), Mac Allister (Brighton)			

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Sheff Utd.....	10	7	2	1	19	5	14	23	
Norwich.....	10	6	2	2	16	9	7	20	
Reading.....	10	6	0	4	10	14	-4	18	
Burnley.....	10	4	5	1	17	10	7	17	
Sunderland.....	10	4	3	3	16	11	5	15	
QPR.....	10	4	3	3	14	11	3	15	
Blackburn.....	10	5	0	5	11	13	-2	15	
Rotherham.....	9	3	5	1	12	6	6	14	
Bristol City.....	10	4	2	4	19	16	3	14	
Watford.....	10	3	5	2	11	11	0	14	
Luton.....	10	3	4	3	11	10	1	13	
Wigan.....	9	3	4	2	9	11	-2	13	
Millwall.....	10	4	1	5	11	14	-3	13	
Stoke.....	10	3	3	4	11	11	0	12	
Preston NE.....	10	2	6	2	3	4	-1	12	
Swansea.....	10	3	3	4	10	12	-2	12	
Birmingham.....	10	3	3	4	8	10	-2	12	
Cardiff.....	10	3	2	5	7	11	-4	11	
Blackpool.....	10	3	2	5	10	15	-5	11	
Hull.....	10	3	2	5	11	21	-10	11	
West Brom.....	10	1	7	2	15	14	1	10	
Middlesbrough.....	10	2	4	4	13	15	-2	10	
Huddersfield.....	9	2	1	6	9	13	-4	7	
Coventry.....	7	0	3	4	7	13	-6	3	
BIRMINGHAM(0) 0 COVENTRY... (0) 0 16,633									
BURNLEY... (1) 2 BRISTOL CITY... (1) 1 Benson 4 Rodriguez 67 Wells 27									
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 CARDIFF..... (0) 0 Rhodes 8 19,193									
LUTON.....(0) 2 BLACKBURN... (0) 0 Morris 58 9,839									
MIDDLESBROUGH(0) 0 ROTHERHAM... (0) 0 Burke 67 22,960									
MILLWALL... (1) 2 BLACKPOOL... (1) 1 Grimshaw 14 (og) Patino 33 11,463									
NORWICH... (0) 1 WEST BROM... (1) 1 Byram 68 O'Shea 9 26,303									
PRESTON... (0) 0 SHEFF UTD... (1) 2 Ndiaye 40 McBurnie 75 18,412									
QPR.....(0) 0 STOKE..... (0) 0 14,174									
SWANSEA... (0) 3 HULL..... (0) 0 Manning 61 Cundle 64 Piroe 85 15,207									
WATFORD... (1) 2 SUNDERLAND (1) 2 Davis 34 Alese 45 Bennette 87 19,767									
WIGAN.....(0) 0 READING..... (0) 1 Ince 63 10,113									

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Ipswich.....	9	6	3	0	18	6	12	21	
Portsmouth.....	9	6	3	0	19	8	11	21	
Plymouth.....	9	6	1	2	16	11	5	19	
Sheff Wed.....	9	5	2	2	17	9	8	17	
Bolton.....	9	5	2	2	11	6	5	17	
Barnsley.....	9	4	2	3	13	9	4	14	
Derby.....	9	4	2	3	9	9	0	14	
Lincoln City.....	9	3	4	2	14	14	0	13	
Cambridge Utd.....	9	4	1	4	12	15	-3	13	
Peterborough.....	9	4	0	5	14	10	4	12	
Fleetwood.....	9	2	6	1	9	8	1	12	
Shrewsbury.....	9	3	3	3	9	10	-1	12	
Port Vale.....	9	3	3	3	10	12	-2	12	
Charlton.....	9	2	5	2	13	11	2	11	
Exeter.....	9	3	2	4	12	10	2	11	
Wycombe.....	9	3	2	4	12	12	0	11	
Accrington.....	9	2	4	3	10	12	-2	10	
MK Dons.....	9	3	1	5	9	11	-2	10	
Oxford Utd.....	9	3	1	5	8	10	-2	10	
Cheltenham.....	9	2	2	5	8	12	-4	8	
Bristol Rovers.....	9	2	2	5	13	19	-6	8	
Forest Green.....	9	2	2	5	8	18	-10	7	
Morecambe.....	9	1	4	4	6	16	-10	7	
Burton Albion.....	9	1	1	7	10	22	-12	4	
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BOLTON..... (0) 1 PETERBORO... (0) 0 Afolayan 86 17,016									
BRISTOL RV... (1) 3 LINCOLN CITY (3) 6 Collins 18, 65 House 7, 61 Diamond 14 (pen), 45, 56 Virtue 51 8,078									
CAMBRIDGE U(0) 0 BARNESLEY... (1) 3 Cole 24 Cundy 76 Norwood 90 6,138									
DERBY.....(0) 2 WYCOMBE... (1) 1 Hourihane 72, 86 Mehmeti 15 24,784									
EXETER..... (0) 0 BURTON ALB. (0) 2 Oshilaja 63 Keillor-Dunn 69 6,185									
FLEETWOOD. (1) 1 CHARLTON... (0) 1 Morton 30 Leaburn 77 3,614									
FOREST GRN. (1) 1 MORECAMBE (1) 2 Wickham 30 Phillips 44 Rawson 90 2,601									
OXFORD UTD. (0) 1 MK DONS... (1) 2 Mousinho 89 Smith 44 Grigg 84 (pen) 8,141									
PORT VALE... (1) 2 SHREWSBURY. (1) 1 Harrison 9, 90 Saydee 19 7,403									
PORTSMOUTH(1) 2 PLYMOUTH... (0) 2 Koroma 41 Raggatt 74 (og) Ennis 79 19,009									
SHEFF WED... (0) 2 IPSWICH... (1) 2 Byers 75 Jackson 4 Iorfa 71 (og) 26,281									

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Leyton Orient...	9	8	1	0	16	4	12	25	
Barrow.....	9	7	0	2	15	9	6	21	
Northampton...	9	6	2	1	19	10	9	20	
Stevenage .....	9	6	1	2	11	9	2	19	
Bradford .....	9	5	2	2	14	7	7	17	
Salford City.....	9	5	2	2	13	7	6	17	
Mansfield.....	9	5	1	3	14	9	5	16	
Grimsby.....	8	4	3	1	8	5	3	15	
Crewe.....	9	4	3	2	11	9	2	15	
Sutton Utd.....	9	4	2	3	11	9	2	14	
Swindon.....	9	3	5	1	10	8	2	14	
Doncaster.....	9	4	2	3	10	11	-1	14	
Carlisle.....	8	3	4	1	10	8	2	13	
Tranmere.....	9	3	1	5	9	9	0	10	
Walsall.....	9	2	3	4	10	9	1	9	
Stockport.....	9	2	2	5	10	13	-3	8	
AFC Wimbledn...	9	2	2	5	9	13	-4	8	
Harrogate T.....	9	2	2	5	6	11	-5	8	
Newport.....	9	2	1	6	9	13	-4	7	
Crawley Town...	9	1	3	5	8	13	-5	6	
Colchester.....	9	1	3	5	7	13	-6	6	
Gillingham.....	9	1	3	5	2	11	-9	6	
Hartlepool.....	9	0	4	5	6	17	-11	4	
Rochdale.....	9	0	2	7	5	16	-11	2	
BRADFORD .. (1)	3							STEVENAGE .. (0)	0
Cook 6, 56									
Wright 62								16,917	
CARLISLE ... (1)	2				AFC WIMBDN			(0)	1
Guy 45					Assal 59				
Dennis 81								5,038	
COLCHESTER.(0)	0				GRIMSBY ... (0)			(1)	1
					Clifton 63			3,167	
CREWE ..... (0)	1				CRAWLEY ... (0)			(0)	0
Baker-Richardson 73								3,717	
DONCASTER .. (0)	0				SWINDON ... (0)			(1)	1
					Wakeling 60			6,446	
GILLINGHAM(0)	0				MANSFIELD.. (2)			2	
					Akins 17				
					Lapslie 34			4,195	
LEY ORIENT .. (0)	1				WALSALL... (0)			(0)	0
Beckles 58									
								6,736	
NEWPORT ... (0)	0				BARROW ... (1)			2	
					Gordon 45, 59 (pen)			3,793	
NORTHAMPTN(1)	3				ROCHDALE.. (0)			(0)	0
Guthrie 42									
Hoskins 73, 81								4,691	
SALFORD CITY(0)	0				TRANMERE ... (1)			(1)	1
					Hawkes 34			3,175	
STOCKPORT .. (0)	0				HARROGATE T (0)			0	
								7,863	
SUTTON UTD .. (0)	2				HARTLEPOOL.. (0)			(0)	0
Randall 53									
Beautyman 66								2,766	



# Blues to hire Salzburg chief

CHELSEA are close to appointing Red Bull Salzburg's Christoph Freund as their new sporting director. Talks are ongoing and expected to reach a solution imminently after Chelsea approached the Austrian club over the weekend. Freund is viewed as one of the best talent spotters in Europe having brought in a host of young players that have been sold for profit. Chelsea had been impressed after holding talks about Salzburg striker Benjamin Sesko and manager Graham Potter has given his blessing for the appointment. Owner Todd Boehly has been performing the role on an interim basis but has been public in his recognition of the work done by

Red Bull, with Chelsea keen to follow their multi-club ownership model. Asked about Chelsea's interest last week, Austrian Freund, 45, said: 'I've had exchanges from time to time. We spoke a lot more a month or two ago because they were interested in signing Sesko. The new owners are interested in how we do things with young players, how we integrate them into the first team. Chelsea is a huge club in transition. I can't say exactly what will happen in the next few weeks and months.' Freund, 45, has a strong reputation within the game after signing the likes of Erling Haaland, Sadio Mane, Naby Keita and Dayot Upamecano.

**SIMON JONES**

# Brother denies Pogba extortion

By **JACOB RANSON**

MATHIAS POGBA, the brother of former Manchester United star Paul Pogba, has been placed under formal investigation and ordered to be detained in connection with an extortion case targeting the Juventus midfielder. Mathias is being investigated on suspicion of gang-based extortion and participation in a criminal association. He has denied the allegations against him in statements posted on social media and his lawyer, Yassine Bouzrou, reiterated that his client is innocent. He told French broadcaster BFMTV: 'We are going to challenge this decision.' Four other people who appeared along with Mathias

before a judge late on Saturday were also put under formal investigation and three were ordered to be detained. Earlier this month the Paris prosecutor's office opened a judicial probe into allegations by Paul Pogba that he was the target of extortion attempts and threats from an organised gang. The France international, 29, also filed a complaint with Turin prosecutors on July 16 claiming he was the target of a €13m (£11.29m) blackmail plot. Franceinfo radio claimed that the group, armed with M16 assault rifles, demanded the

cash from the French midfielder for 'protection services' stretching back 13 years. The World Cup winner claims the gang has been threatening him for four months. Acts of intimidation were carried out in Manchester in April, and later around the Italian city of Turin, where Pogba currently plays for Juventus. The gang is also accused of taking Paul to a flat in the Paris suburb of Lagny-sur-Marne, where he grew up, at the end of March. There, the gang members accused the 29-year-old of not helping them financially since he became a professional player.



Disgrace: Celtic supporters hold up banners at St Mirren yesterday and (below) Celtic's Callum McGregor

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# Celtic shamed by fans' anti-monarchy banner

**A** YEAR after they lost their last game in the Premiership, Celtic will spend this morning re-acquainting themselves with the bitter regrets of defeat.

Of more concern, perhaps, will be the way their fans interrupted the minute's applause in memory of the Queen before the game with anti-Royal chants.

The Scottish Football Association had left it up to individual clubs to make a decision on whether they wanted to pay tribute to the monarch this weekend.

St Mirren opted for a minute's applause, but chants could be heard over the top of that from the Celtic end, as they sang: 'If you hate the Royal family, clap your hands.' They also held aloft a banner with that same message.

Manager Ange Postecoglou preferred not to comment when asked about the supporters' actions. He had previously expressed the club's wish that fans be 'respectful' during any tributes.

After his side's defeat, the Greek-born Australian said: 'I addressed all that in two press conferences, I'm not going to do it in

**ST MIRREN**

**CELTIC**

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**STEPHEN MCGOWAN**  
at St Mirren Park

three. I get why the interest is there, but I'm a manager at a football club and I sit at press conferences wanting to talk about football. We addressed that matter, we did everything we needed to do, it's time we moved on.

The reaction of the Celtic fans comes just four days after they also voiced their displeasure at the monarchy during their side's Champions League match against Shakhtar Donetsk.

On the pitch, there are also concerns. A 1-0 loss against Livingston on September 19 last year triggered a 38-game unbeaten run in the league and, after a blistering start to this season, it's hard to believe Celtic will turn in another performance as woeful as this any time soon.

A weekend which began with talk of a potential Rangers crisis turned to discus-

sion of an Ibrox title revival with lightning speed. Celtic's last defeat in Paisley was the 4-0 thrashing that cost Tony Mowbray his job as manager in March 2010 and, while the repercussions will be less costly for Postecoglou, questions will be asked of the manager's decision to make six changes to his line-up after Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Shakhtar.

Mark O'Hara's back-post header before half-time carved out a lead and forced Postecoglou to introduce Reo Hatate and Jota at half-time.

By the time further reinforcements arrived, St Mirren were 2-0 ahead, Jonah Ayunga's close-range header — accompanied by suspicions of a shove in the back of Stephen Welsh — taking advantage of some awful defending from a long throw-in.

St Mirren boss Stephen Robinson said: 'We were excellent to a man, but Curtis Main was outstanding up front. He held the ball up for us and never tired in the game, even at the end.'

'It's not often I'll give individuals mentions, but he deserves one.'





# Ian HERBERT

 @ianherbs



## Fear factor still has part to play in success

**A** RIVETING image of Sir Alex Ferguson, published at the introduction to a book which applied intellectual theories to his management techniques, depicts him in shirt-sleeves in a Harvard lecture room, in front of a flow chart of his methods on a blackboard.

His meticulously neat workings include arrows, curly brackets, exclamation marks and two ominous words chalked up, which clearly relate to his players: **SELECT AND FIRE**.

Harvard and the world of business had a great time extemporising, with Ferguson's help, on what his success was built on, after his retirement — 10 years ago next spring — and perhaps it was that intellectualisation which kept something as prosaic and visceral as 'fear' out of the narrative.

But just when we might think that such an emotion belongs to a different, more brutal age — Graham Potter has a masters degree in 'leadership and emotional intelligence' — the latest addition to the literature of Manchester United illustrates just what a place fear played. Fear of failure. Fear of falling short in team-mates' eyes. Fear of Roy Keane.

Matt Dickinson's beautifully written history of the 1998-99 Treble-winning season, *1999*, does more than it says on the cover. It is an insight into why United succeeded for so long in the way that they did. What strikes you most is how those players lived on the edge, desperate to be at the level, informed in no uncertain terms when they were not. Sometimes, just ever so slightly afraid.

Some of the Keane stuff was madness. The book's tale of the feud between him and Teddy Sheringham is extraordinary for anyone not acquainted with the club at that time. The two nearly came to blows on a team night out in 1998 and didn't speak to each other again for three and a half years in the same team. Even after Sheringham's huge contribution to the miracle of the Nou Camp in '99.

Gary Neville and Paul Scholes both admit that this process was not always fun. 'To be honest, you could say that they weren't the nicest people to play with at times,' Neville says of his team-



**Red Devil:** Alex Ferguson was a master motivator and made his players fear failure GETTY IMAGES

mates. Yet Ferguson moderated and regulated that climate.

The book relays his surprisingly light touch. He had doubts about the decision to select Jesper Blomqvist for the Nou Camp final — justifiable doubts, as things worked out — but stuck with him because he had promised him his place.

He felt Ryan Giggs was underperforming before the legendary FA Cup semi-final replay against Arsenal but went around the houses to say so.

All things in perspective. Wayne Rooney had a telling response when asked, in an interview published yesterday, whether Ferguson encouraged debate. 'Depends what it was,' he replied, smiling.

The mix of characters is something which Ferguson cannot have planned. The book brings to light Dwight Yorke's effervescent, joyous part in it all. He was

the one who ferried messages between Sheringham and Andy Cole, who also didn't speak to each other. His shining light radiates through the pages.

And by the end of it all, you understand why United won the Treble; why Neville instinctively ran 50 yards to take a throw-in on the left wing at the Nou Camp which won the corner from which Sheringham ultimately scored. And why failing to clear the first man from that corner was the last thing Beckham would have done. These actions were innate and instinctive, borne of brotherhood and of years spent fearing the consequences.

Neville says that culture belongs in the past. 'I don't think you can have that spirit of the '80s, '90s in a modern working environment.' But for once, he might not be quite right. United are showing the first flickerings

of renewal because of the burning intent of players such as Lisandro Martinez and Tyrell Malacia, who is already displaying hallmarks of Patrice Evra's intense resolve.

At Leicester a few weeks back, we saw evidence of Martinez's impact on Diogo Dalot, as the two fist-pumped and chest-bumped after tackles and blocks. To observe Erik ten Hag on the touchline is to see he has this toughness, too.

There are hints of the same in the Brazilian Anthony. United have burned through millions in an attempt to locate what they once had, but perhaps it was there all along, burnished in the collective memories of one of their greatest teams.

*1999: Manchester United, the Treble and All That, by Matt Dickinson (Simon & Schuster, £20)*



*In the line:* Beckham GETTY IMAGES

## Beckham has to speak up for Qatar workers

IT was the spontaneity of David Beckham's appearance in the 13-hour queue to process past the Queen's coffin which made your heart soar. Just the man, his cap, his tattoos and a few basic provisions. So how about a few spontaneous words this week from Beckham, Qatar's World Cup ambassador, about the Godforsaken lives of the young immigrant men who have died building the World Cup infrastructure?

A week ago, I walked Doha's seafront Corniche, where scores of them toiled under a relentless late-afternoon sun to get the place ready for the World Cup, with not a single source of shelter between them. Nothing changes. Just a little spontaneous honesty could change so much.

## Nothing to celebrate in Costa return

IT IS hard to celebrate Diego Costa's return to the Premier League. His deliberate coughing when playing at Anfield as Covid struck Britain was the act of a scumbag. Every signing is a video masterpiece these days, so Wolves had him holding on to a pack of three of the club's namesakes to announce him and pictured him looking like an animal. Incitement to behave despicably, in other words. Thanks but no thanks.





# MailPuzzles

## THE BEST BRAIN TEASERS EVERY DAY!

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Difficulty rating ★★★★★

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Difficulty rating ★★★★★☆☆

**PRIZE SUDOKU**

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REVEAL the three shaded squares for your chance to win £500. **HOW TO ENTER:** Call 0901 292 5009 and leave today's three-number answer (reading left to right) and your details. Or text **SUDOKU** to 65700 with your answer and name. Texts and calls cost £1 plus standard network charges. One weekly winner chosen from all correct entries received between 00.01 Monday and 23.59 Friday. Answers change daily at 00.01. UK residents aged 18+, excl NI. Full terms apply, see Page 62.



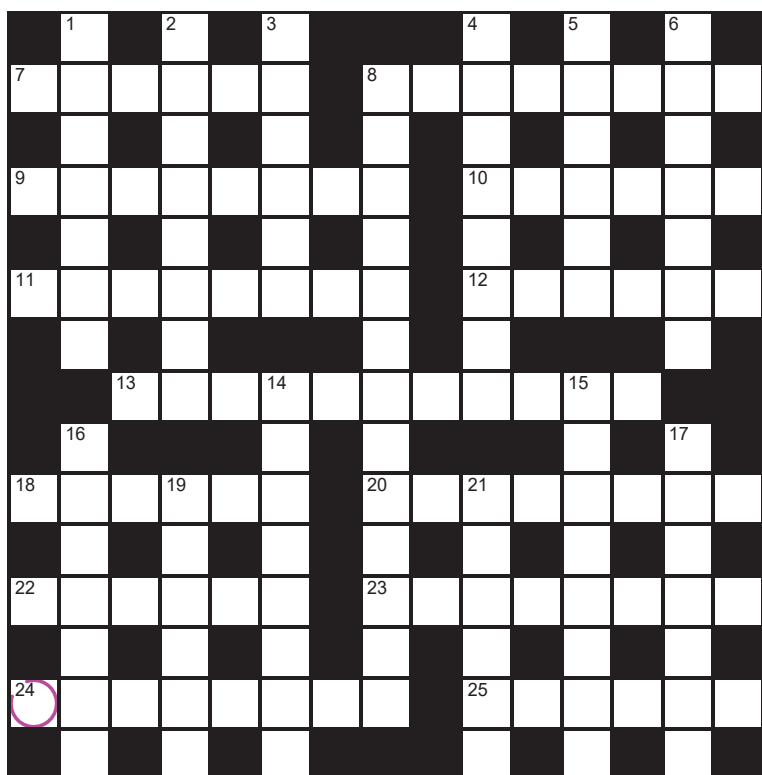
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**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD**

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PLAY our accumulator game! Every day this week, solve the crossword to find the letter in the pink circle. On Friday, we'll provide instructions to submit your five-letter word for your chance to win a luxury Cross pen. UK residents aged 18+, excl NI. Terms apply. Entries cost 50p.

**ACROSS**

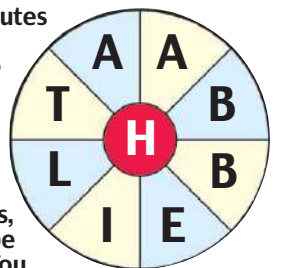
- A rich cake, typically one containing layers of cream or fruit (6)
- An evergreen aromatic shrub of the mint family, used as a symbol of remembrance (8)
- office, a place where births, marriages and deaths are officially recorded (8)
- A stick used by some indigenous people of North America to propel a dart or spear (6)
- Sane or intelligent (8)
- To forbid or prohibit (6)
- A substance that induces insensitivity to pain (11)
- Grant, the Transport Secretary in Boris Johnson's government, appointed in 2019 (6)
- A child born in a multiple birth of nine siblings (8)
- shopping, the activity of looking at goods displayed in shops without the intention to buy (6)
- A type of substance that produces an abnormally vigorous immune response (8)
- Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, English hard rock band formed in 1971, noted for their song Milk And Alcohol (8)
- County, a region in southern California that contains Disneyland (6)

**DOWN**

- Informal term for a modern male having primitive and chauvinistic attitudes (7)
- A circle of constant longitude passing through a given place on the Earth's surface and the poles (8)
- Richard, explorer who was the first European to discover Lake Tanganyika in Africa in 1858 (6)
- A thin piece of meat without bones, commonly a special cut of veal (8)
- A small piece of jewellery thought to give protection against evil or danger (6)
- Nickname of South Africa's national cricket team (7)
- Flag that is flown above a palace when a monarch is in residence (5,8)
- Former mining town near Nottingham that is the birthplace of writer D. H. Lawrence (8)
- War Museum, British national museum commemorating conflict that opened in 1920 (8)
- Pam, U.S. ex-tennis player noted for her doubles partnership with Martina Navratilova (7)
- The wish or act of gaining retribution (7)
- A short, broad, spoon-shaped oar used for moving canoes (6)
- Piquet, Brazilian ex-racing driver who was Formula One champion three times (6)

**WORD WHEEL**

YOU have ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each word must use the hub letter and at least three others, and letters may be used only once. You can't use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. Verbs ending in 's' permitted. Clue for today's nine-letter word: Dress to be fit for living in. **RATING:** 8 words, average; 12, good; 16, very good; 18 or more, excellent **SOLUTION TOMORROW**



**SUDOKU X**

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PUT 1-6 once in each row, column, diagonal (highlighted to form an X) and horizontal 3x2 box (ruled). **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

**WRITE YOUR LETTERS  
IN THESE SQUARES**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri

**SOLUTION TOMORROW**

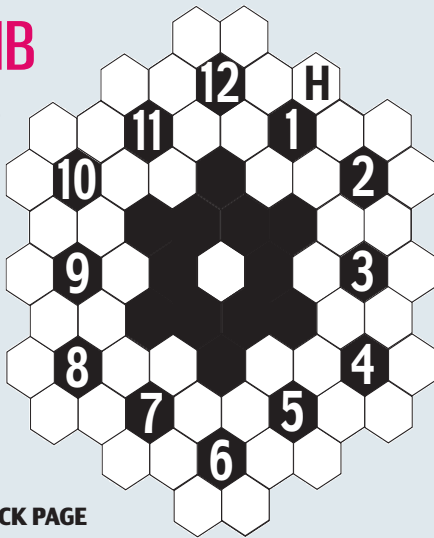


## HONEYCOMB

ALL the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

1. Drover
2. Uncover
3. Alighted
4. Elicited
5. Imps
6. Extant
7. Chewed
8. Teeter
9. Keg
10. Plaster
11. Harm
12. Smooth

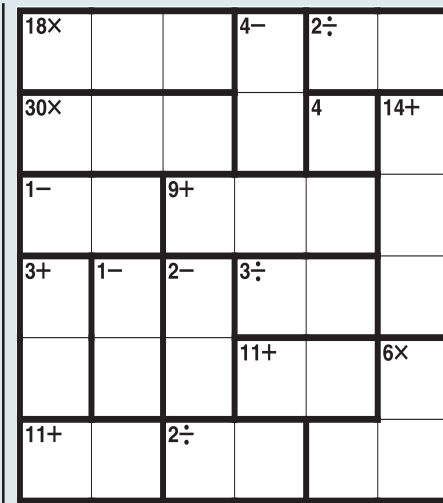
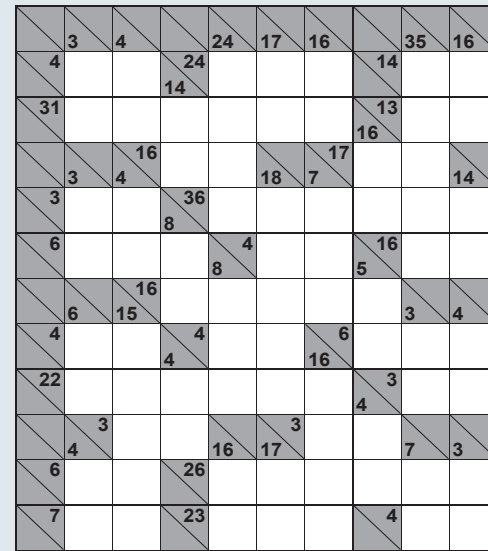
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## KAKURO

FILL in the blank squares of the grid using only the numbers 1 to 9, without repeating any number in any line of blank squares. The lines must be filled in with numbers which add up to the total in the shaded box at the top or beginning of each line. A number in the bottom half of a shaded box gives a downwards total; in the top half, it's a horizontal total.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



## MASTERQUIZ

1. In which U.S. state is Los Alamos, the site of the laboratory that developed the first nuclear weapons?
2. Which English satirical novelist wrote Nightmare Abbey and Gryll Grange?
3. Percival Lowell predicted the existence of which dwarf planet?

4. Mack Rutherford, a 17-year-old British-Belgian pilot, became the youngest person to fly solo around the world in a small aircraft after landing in which European city last month?
5. What sort of creature is a garganey?
6. Who did Pope Pius XII designate patron saint of television in 1958?

SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE

## PITCHERWITS™



1a. Weak quality of beef backed by varifocal lenses (10)



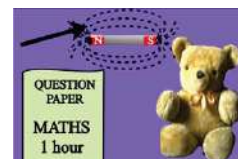
11a. Telecasts, or transmission, for match status (6,5)



1d. Lie in fretful, troubled state, for a clean-burn engine? (4,6)



6d. Cared for by humans, the darned hare went feral! (4-6)



9a. Recreated fist, deleted when checked on the job (5-6)



16a. A muff to yield a kind of stupid civil war! (6,4)



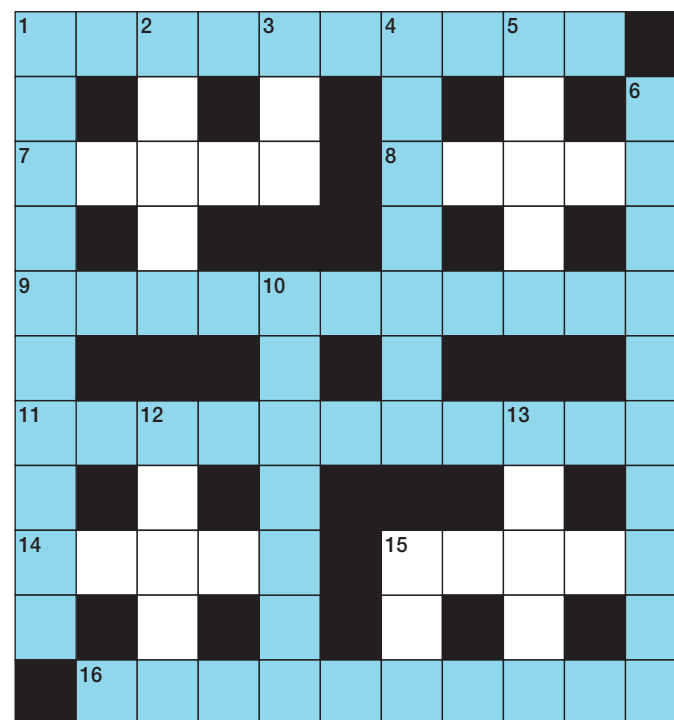
4d. Ran out of scrambled eggs for the badgering sort (7)



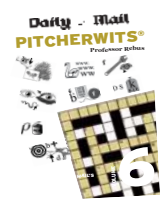
10d. His kid had a problem with a shirt! (7)

PIT your wits against Pitcherwits – the exciting puzzle where some of the answers are in pictures! The solutions to the visual clues fit into the shaded spaces on the grid.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



## PITCHERWITS BOOK

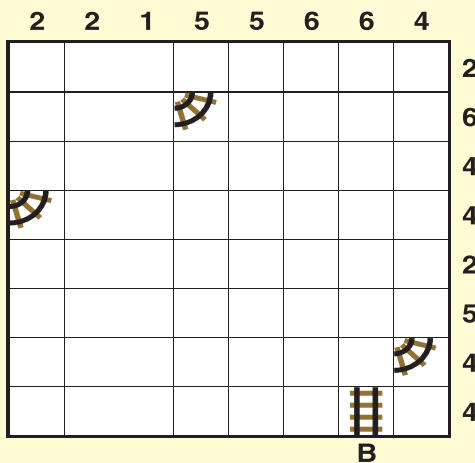


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## TRAIN TRACKS

LAY tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of rail go in each row and column. There are only straight rails and curved rails. The track cannot cross itself.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



## MINDBENDER

1. In a village hall there are 134 two-legged people and four-legged chairs, collectively. If there are a total of 490 legs in the room, how many chairs are there?
2. What connects hands, noses and shoulders?
3. Which pin-up girl was NORMA IN MY ROLE?

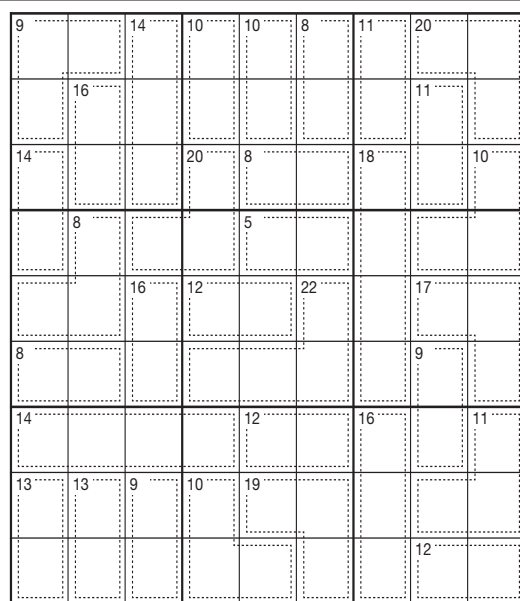
4. Which is the odd one out: strontium, sodium, gallium, barium?
5. Using the chemical symbols, which insects can be made from lanthanum, dysprosium, boron, iridium and darmstadtium?

SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE

## KILLER SUDOKU

FILL in squares in the grid so each row, column and each 3x3 square contains all digits from 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the number in the top-left corner. Numbers can't be repeated within each set of cells.

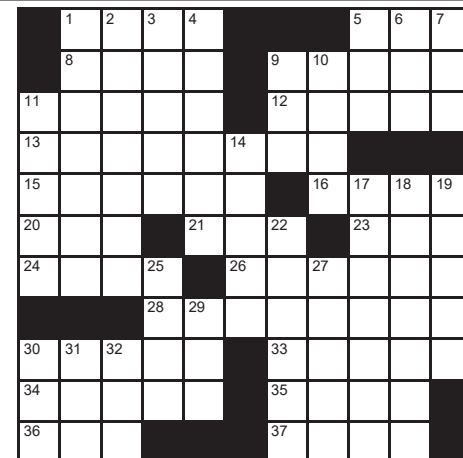
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## MAILWORD NEW

- ACROSS
- 1 Irritation
  - 5 Shack
  - 8 Girl's name
  - 9 Steam bath
  - 11 Tiddler
  - 12 Church instrument
  - 13 Tangible
  - 15 Rouse
  - 16 Serpents
  - 20 Blushing
  - 21 Musical note
  - 23 Sink a ball in snooker
  - 24 Indicating origin
  - 26 Vulgar
  - 28 Saying
  - 30 Criminal organisation
  - 33 Longs for
  - 34 Suffering
  - 35 Staying power

- DOWN
- 1 Ruling
  - 2 Destructive wind
  - 3 Split
  - 4 Strong dislike
  - 5 Cuddle
  - 6 --- Stubbs, actress
  - 7 Get bronzed
  - 9 Drunkard
  - 10 Zone
  - 11 Neckwear
  - 14 Patriarch in Genesis
  - 17 Type of snare
  - 18 Own
  - 19 Stalks
  - 22 Fairground game
  - 25 Principal
  - 27 Disney mermaid
  - 29 Wage
  - 30 Raincoat
  - 31 In the past
  - 32 Trick



- 19 Stalks  
22 Fairground game  
25 Principal  
27 Disney mermaid

- 29 Wage  
30 Raincoat  
31 In the past  
32 Trick

SOLUTION TOMORROW

## QUICK QUIZ

1. In Dastardly And Muttley, what type of bird are the pair always chasing?
2. From which club did Manchester United sign Wayne Rooney in 2004?
3. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex recently adopted a beagle named after which jukebox musical?
4. Who had an international hit in 1986 with 'You Can Call Me Al'?
5. 'Mr and Mrs Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive' is the opening to which book?

SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE



## KENKEN

EACH row and column should contain 1 to 6 without repeats. Numbers in cages must combine to produce the target number shown at start of that cage using, in any order, the mathematical sign given. Single-box cages can be filled with the number given.

**SOLUTION TOMORROW**

	P	C	I	
M				S
V				E
S				E
	S	L	E	

### ELONGATOR NINE TO FIVE

FIT the scrambled letters of the given word into the grid to form six five-letter words across and down.

**SOLUTION TOMORROW**

## WORLD'S SMALLEST, HARDEST CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- Mild expletive (4)
- Hesitant sound (2)
- (Chem symbol) zirconium (2)
- Liability (4)

### DOWN

- Pair (rare) (4)
- Specialised corps (abbr) (2)
- Legal wrong (4)
- For example (Ger) (abbr) (2)

**SOLUTION TOMORROW**

1	2		3
4			
		5	
6			

## CROSS NUMBER

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION

			1	5
1				5
		1		9
	2			9
6	8	7	7	6

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Today's challenge time: 4 mins 2 secs  
Your working time:  mins  secs

FILL each square with a number, 1 to 9. Horizontal squares add up to totals on right. Vertical squares add up to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through centre add up to totals in top and bottom right.

**SOLUTION TOMORROW**

## CODEWORD

EACH number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. Today 4 represents V, so fill in V every time the figure 4 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

COMPLETE Codeword to reveal the word in the shaded boxes.

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1	2	3	4	3	5	6		7	3	7	3	8
3		1				9		2		3		10
11	6	1	12		7	3	2	3	10	8	2	13
6		3		14		12		3		12		15
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		6		8		7			19		16	
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22	8		8		6		12		14		23	
24	8	2	25	17	1	8	10		14	17	6	26
8		17		18		2		10		17		
10	26	16	22	6		18	10	8	22	22	6	16

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



1	S	M	J	4	A	C	L	P	8	O	F	H	U	K	R
1	T	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	W	2	A	L	T	4	6	Z	6	7	S	C	9	M	10
1	Q	U	V	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

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## SCRABBLE® BRAND G R A M S

The board on the right shows four rows of letters from a typical Scrabble game. Use each row to form a word of 2-7 letters and write it in the blank squares provided. Then add up the score for each row. Don't forget to use the double and triple word and letter scores — and add a 50-point bonus for every 7-letter word. Blank tiles can be used for any letter but have no score. See tomorrow's paper for the solution.

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PAR SCORE 160-170  
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

Friday's solution:  
HOBLIKE 98  
SAMBUC 76  
CLIMATE 61  
CRAPPIE 63  
JUDD'S TOTAL: 298

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E	N	I	O	A	R	T	A	C
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L	G	J	A	H	C	R	O	S
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C	V	H	Y	I	E	C	E	A
I	P	E	G	N	O	P	F	E
A	A	J	I	R	Q	R	I	S
R	V	S	G	I	D	W	O	H
C	A	I	T	L	I	N	A	X

## WORD SEARCH

THE listed words can all be found in the grid — running forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally — EXCEPT ONE. For a chance to win, discover which word from the list can't be found in the Word Search.

AOIFE  
CAITLÍN  
CATRAOINE  
EIMÍLE  
NIAMH

RÁICHÉAL  
RÓISÍN  
SEÁNA  
SINÉAD  
SORCHA

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		29			
			26		22
	15			25	
14		19			36
			7		38
10		1	4		
11				42	

**HIDATO** COMPLETE the grid so that all the numbers, 1 to 42, connect consecutively — horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Hint: you don't have to begin with 1 or 42. Working on the mid-numbers might give you a better start. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

## NAME GAME

**BOX 1:** Christina Aguilera (pictured) has released two albums in which language? Spanish (F) Italian (L) French (M)

**BOX 2:** Which 2000 animated film is set in the year 3028 and features aliens named the Drej? WALL-E (B) Treasure Planet (T) Titan A.E. (I)

**BOX 3:** What nationality was the abstract artist Hilma af Klint? German (G) Swedish (H) Dutch (U)

**BOX 4:** There are two genera of sloth: two-toed and what other? One-toed (E) Three-toed (T) Four-toed (Y)

**BOX 5:** Which of these actors was born Mark Sinclair in 1967? Mark Ruffalo (O) Tom Cruise (P) Vin Diesel (L)

HIDDEN in the grid is the name of a singer. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

**BOX 6:** Which of the following is a relay race in track cycling, named after a venue in New York? Madison (H) Shea (N) Carnegie (F)

**BOX 7:** Davide Sanclimenti and Ekin-Su Culculoglu were the joint winners of which 2022 reality TV show? MasterChef (T) The Great British Bake Off (W) Love Island (A)

**BOX 8:** Which of these West End theatres is

located on Argyll Street in London's Soho? London Palladium (L) Adelphi Theatre (K) Dominion Theatre (A)

**BOX 9:** What is a gimlet? A small wine glass (B) A tool for drilling holes (I) A protective glove (D)

Friday's answer: PHIL LORD (1P, 2I, 3R, 4D, 5L, 6O, 7L, 8H).

Picture: PA

## GOGEN

BLACK  
CAB  
FEIGN  
JACK  
PRIED  
PRIMEVAL  
QUICKLY  
SOUTH  
THRICE  
TUX  
WAVES

J	L	P
V	I	H
D	O	Q

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y

INSERT letters to form listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all listed words are spelt out. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**



## BRIDGE MASTERCLASS

South  
 ♠ J 8 4  
 ♥ Q 10 6 3  
 ♦ K 6 3  
 ♣ J 10 4



WEST opens 1♠ and your partner (North) overcalls 2NT. What do you understand by this bid and what would you respond?

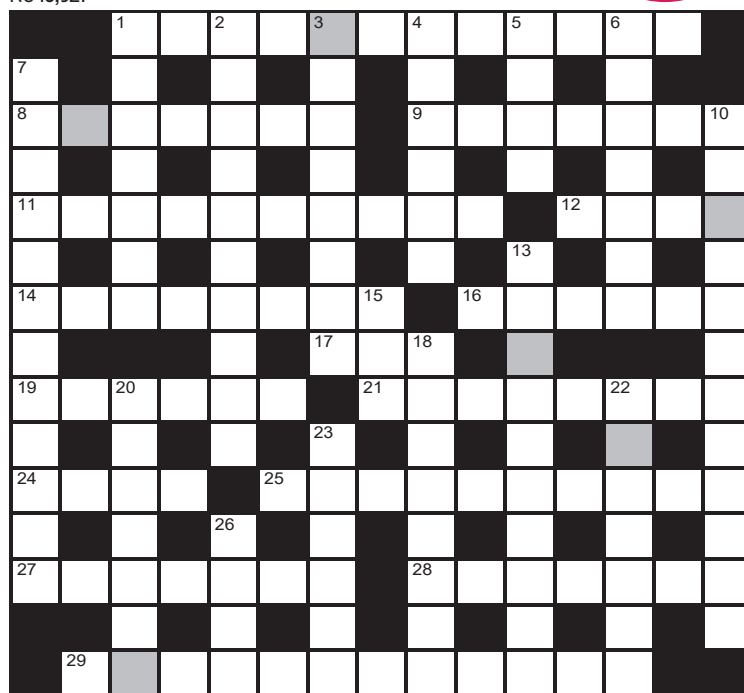
IN some respects, bridge is becoming more confusing to the average social player, instead of simpler and more enjoyable. The instructional meaning of 2NT, if it is made as an opening bid, would be to show a balanced hand with 20-22 points. Some players are taught and encouraged to use this 2NT in the same way when the RHO has opened, but this is not really logical when an initial double is available to show such strength. The normal Acol use of an overcall of 2NT is to show a good minor two-suiter (at least 5-5). It expects partner to bid his longer minor, or lower of equal length suits.

On the above hand, you should bid 3♣ — or raise to 3NT if you are sure partner is showing a strong balanced hand (not recommended).

PETER DONOVAN

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

No 16,927



FOR your chance to win, solve the crossword to reveal the word reading down the shaded boxes. **HOW TO ENTER:** Call 0901 293 6233 and leave today's answer and your details, or **TEXT 65700** with the word **CRYPTIC**, your answer and your name. Texts and calls cost £1 plus standard network charges. Or enter by post by sending completed crossword to Daily Mail Prize Crossword 16,927, PO Box 28, Colchester, Essex CO2 8GF. Please include your name and address. One weekly winner chosen from all correct daily entries received between 00.01 Monday and 23.59 Friday. Postal entries must be date-stamped no later than the following day to qualify. Calls/texts must be received by 23.59; answers change at 00.01. UK residents aged 18+, excl NI. Terms apply, see Page 62.

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## ACROSS

- 1 Top waiter's Italian, very busy during hectic meal (6,6)
- 8 Servant rejected fourth Mediterranean city (3,4)
- 9 Book in African country omitting one subject (7)
- 11 Dark glass popular in a business enterprise (10)
- 12 Support object used on stage (4)
- 14 Call staff about a way to avoid built-up area (4,4)
- 16 Arab jumper clears Yankee gully (6)
- 17 Left current ingredient of varnish (3)
- 19 Large old moggie beginning to explore site (6)
- 21 Captivating tricks hide trap (8)
- 24 Parrot that follows delta (4)
- 25 Before noon, Greek character stops hosting one group of swimmers (10)
- 27 Replacement tree's magnificent (7)
- 28 John collected new joke in the distant past (4,3)
- 29 Hot going in, they all ordered cool drink (5,7)

## DOWN

- 1 University students cut my German verbascom (7)
- 2 With energy, TV trainee could become well established (10)
- 3 Several changes include radical U-turn (8)
- 4 Ditches soldiers involved in rackets (6)
- 5 Russian girl disregarding source of her river (4)
- 6 Stop some to grab medicine on way north (7)
- 7 Forcibly passes power devices in salon (12)
- 10 After a very soft fish try chip perhaps (8,4)
- 13 Senior job-holders in house overlook judges (5,5)
- 15 Obstruct and stall mother? (3)
- 18 General wind problem limited at opening in Hove (8)
- 20 What some lovers do in county hotel to some extent (7)
- 22 It's drudgery to trudge around V&A (7)
- 23 A business graduate nurses one gutted tiny creature (6)
- 26 Shame extremists in party surrounding city centre (4)

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## SOLUTIONS TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLES

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## WORD SEARCH

Missing: ARCADIA



## HIDATO

Missing: ARCADIA



## KAKURO

Missing: ARCADIA



## NINE TO FIVE

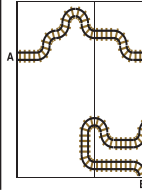
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G	A	T	E
G	R	I	P
	E	F	T
DEBILITATE			

DEPILATOR

## CROSS NUMBER

6	9	5	1	21
1	3	1	1	6
3	6	1	1	11
1	9	6	6	22
11	27	13	9	16

## TRAIN TRACKS



## 30-SECOND CHALLENGE

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**START** on left with number given and follow instructions as you go across. In 30 seconds, beginners have to complete their own challenge; intermediates have to complete their own challenge and the beginner's; advanced players have to complete their own challenge and the intermediate's. **SOLUTION BELOW**

	Beginner	36	÷ 3	TIMES ITSELF	+6	÷ 15	× 11	1/2 OF IT	-1	÷ 9	× 8	YOUR ANSWERS
Intermediate	26	9/13 OF IT	× 20	5/9 OF IT	7/8 OF IT	-20	DOUBLE IT	+10	7/40 OF IT	× 11		
Advanced	72	-47	TIMES ITSELF	+35	1/15 OF IT	× 3 1/4	-15	LESS 25%	× 125	1 1/4% OF IT		

## KENKEN

5	2	4	3	6	1
3	4	6	2	1	5
6	3	5	1	2	4
4	5	1	6	3	2
2	1	3	4	5	6
1	6	2	5	4	3

## SUDOKU X

6	1	4	3	2	5
3	5	2	1	6	4
4	6	1	2	5	3
5	2	3	4	1	6
2	4	5	6	3	1
1	3	6	5	4	2

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16,924

ACROSS: 1 Inedible. 5 Acetic. 9 Increase. 10 Backer. 12 Lied. 13 Stonemason. 15 Bar code reader. 19 Shooting stars. 23 Hydraulics. 25 Raft. 28 Italic. 29 Optimism. 30 Nudist. 31 Cynosure. DOWN: 1 Icicle. 2 Emcee. 3 Item. 4 Lesotho. 6 Charm. 7 Take sides. 8 Coronary. 11 Knee. 14 Brat. 15 Broadband. 16 Dog. 17 Exam. 18 Isthmian. 20 Nile. 21 Sick pay. 22 Stymie. 24 Amiss. 26 Adieu. 27 Silo.

## MAILWORD

ACROSS: 1 Ogle. 5 Isaac. 10 Crib. 11 Tango. 12 Tombs. 14 Index. 15 Awe. 16 Hint. 18 Via. 19 Ideals. 22 End. 23 Par. 24 Ell. 26 Geisha. 28 Tea. 29 Thor. 30 Tut. 31 At sea. 34 Youth. 36 Swamp. 37 Ache. 38 Posse. 39 Tess. DOWN: 1 Octave. 2 Growing. 3 Limeade. 4 Ebb. 5 Itinerary. 6 Santa. 7 And. 8 Age. 9 Cox. 13 Shipshape. 17 Idaho. 20 Lettuce. 21 Sleuths. 25 Lathes. 27 Items. 31 Asp. 32 Two. 33 SAS. 35 Oat.

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD — ACROSS:** 6 Myers. 7 Pilgrim's. 10 Satiric. 11 Upgrade. 12 Decimal. 13 Bitumen. 14 Positioning. 19 Corsair. 21 McCoist. 23 Wapping. 25 Trieste. 26 Cosmetic. \*

## SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

## QUICK QUIZ:

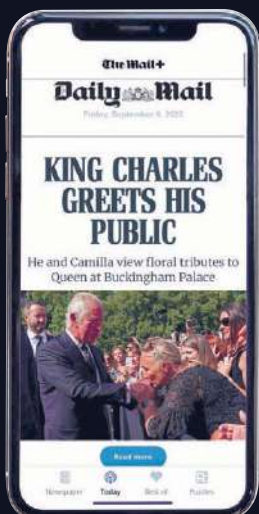
1 A pigeon. 2 Everton. 3 Mamma Mia!. 4 Paul Simon. 5 Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone. **MINDBENDER:** 1 111 chairs. 2 They may all be rubbed. 3 Marilyn Monroe. 4 Gallium; the others are used in fireworks for colour (red, yellow, green). 5 Ladybirds (La-Dy-B-Ir-De). **MASTERQUIZ:** 1 New Mexico. 2 Thomas Love Peacock. 3 Pluto. 4 Sofia. 5 Duck. 6 St Clare of Assisi. **HONEYCOMB:** 1 Herder. 2 Reveal. 3 Landed. 4 Educated. 5 Devils. 6 Living. 7 Gnawed. 8 Wobble. 9 Barrel. 10 Render. 11 Damage. 12 Creamy.

## KUROSO:

X	O	O	X	O	X
O	X	X	O	X	O
O	X	X	O	O	X
X	O	O	X	X	O
X	O	X	O	O	X
O	X	O	X	X	O

**30-SECOND CHALLENGE:** Beginner: 48. Intermediate: 616. Advanced: 150.

27 Tudyk. **DOWN:** 1 Death cap. 2 Ashram. 3 Speculator. 4 Bleu. 5 Embalm. 6 Misadd. 8 Ragetti. 9 Penny. 13 Broomstick. 15 Stadium. 16 Glissade. 17 Scowl. 18 Streak. 20 Repton. 22 Chintz. 24 Gate.



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